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THE GRAND LODGE OF NORTH CAROLINA assembled this evening in the Masonic Hall, at 7 o'clock, and was opened in ample form by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, after prayer by the Rev. Bro. James Reid, Grand Chaplain, *pro tem.*

PRESENT:

M. W.	ALFRED MARTIN,	Grand	Master,
R. W.	L. S. WILLIAMS,	Deputy Grand	Master,
"	H. C. LUCAS,	"	Senior Warden,
"	Dr. E. F. WATSON,	"	Junior " P. T.,
"	C. W. D. HUTCHINGS,	"	Treasurer.
"	W. T. BAIN,	"	Secretary.
"	D. H. STEPHENSON, Assistant	"	"
Bro.	JOHN MCCORMICK,	"	Senior Deacon.
"	R. B. VANCE,	"	Junior "
"	J. F. HOWLETT,	"	Marshal.
"	E. MALONE,	"	Sword Bearer.
"	GEO. RILEY,	"	Pursuivant.
"	N. S. HARP,	"	Tyler.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master appointed Bros. E. W. Ward, William Murdoch, and O. L. Filyaw the Committee on Credentials, who reported that the following lodges were duly represented:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Credentials having examined the representation of the following named Lodges, find the same to be correct, and in due form, viz:

St. John's, N. 1—O. L Filyaw, O. McIlhenny, W. Hide.
Charity, No. 5—W. T. Bain.
Unanimity, No. 7—W. T. Bain.

Phœnix, No. 8—P. A. Holt.
American George, No. 17—J. M. Wynn.
Phalanx, No. 31—M. L. Wriston.
Stokes, No. 32—L. S. Bingham.
W. R. Davy, No. 37—George Riley.
Hiram, No. 40—A. Johnson.
Liberty, No. 45—H. H Dent.
King Solomon, No. 56—J. N. Ramsey.
Concord, No. 58—John F. Speight.
Perseverance, No. 59—W. G. Hill.
Kilwinning, No. 64—Robert T. Hall.
Eagle, No. 71—Alex. Dickson, John Berry.
Widow's Son, No. 75—W. T. Bain.
Greensboro', No. 76—J. F. Howlett.
Sharon, No. 78—S. E. Milburn.
Lafayette, No. 83—E. W. Ward, E. W. Montfort.
Fellowship, No 84—R. D. Atchinson.
Morning Star, No. 85—J. J. Q. Taylor.
Enfield, No. 88—C. B Corbett.
Skewarkey, No. 90—W. W. Watts, L. E. Satterthwait.
Western Star, No. 91—L. P. Erwin.
Joseph Warren, No. 92—J. P. Edmundson.
Jerusalem, No. 95—F. M. Roundtree, S. D. Pope.
St. John's, No. 96—W. W. Dunn.
Wake Forest, No. 97—G. B. Allen, J. B. Lassiter.
Hiram, No. 98—S. B. Killett.
Fulton, No. 99—W. Murdoch.
Warren, No. 101—Henry Grimes.
Columbus, No. 102—J. W. Hatch, L. J. Merritt.
Perquimans, 106—J. M. Cox.
Clinton, No. 107—S N. Dunn, L. Fels.
Belmont, No. 108—Henry Grimes.
St. John's, No. 110—O. L. Filyaw.
Wayne, No. 112—W. F. Kornegay.
Person, No. 113—J. A. Bailey.
Holly Springs, No. 115—D. H. Stephenson.
Mt. Lebanon, No. 117—A. J. Simms.
Mt. Hermon, No. 118—R. W. Cummings, R. B. Vance.
Tuscarora, No. 122—L. A. Paschal.
Franklinton, No. 123—S. D. Beves.
Clinton, No. 124—Ellis Malone.
Mill Creek, No 125—S. S. Thornton.
Sunsbury, No. 126—W. G. Williams.
Dan River, No. 129—T. F. Coyle.
Conoho, No. 131—Calvin Cox.
Radiance, No. 132—R. W. Best, J. T. Freeman, A. D. Swinson.
Alamance, No. 133—P. A. Holt, E. F. Watson.
Lincoln, No. 137—L P. Erwin.
King Solomon, No. 138—S. H Bell.
Mt. Energy, No. 140—N. E. Canady, E. Dalby.
Rolesville, No. 156—J. Robert Jeffries, H. A. Hodge, W. H. Jones.
Mt. Pleasant, No. 157—Allen Bailey, W. S. Thompson, C. J. Rogers.
Rocky River, No. 159—J. C. Kirkman.
Emmaus, No. 161—J. B. West.
Archer, No 165—J. W. Robertson, B. C. Richardson.
St. Paul's, No. 166—J. R. Hawes.
Winston, No. 167—G. H. Renigan.
Pleasant Hill, No. 168—W. R. Denny.
Blackmon, No. 170—R. V. Blackstock.

Buffalo, No. 172—Kenneth McIver.
Union, No. 173—T C. Ham.
George Washington, No. 174—W. C. Mason.
Mecklenburg, No. 176—J. W. A. Kerr.
Siloam, No. 178—W. R. Ward.
Lafayette, No. 179—G. N. Thompson.
Caldwell, No. 180—W. H. McDade.
Centre, No. 183—O. McMichael.
Jordan, No. 184—R. H. Williams.
Sandy Creek, No. 185—D. Wester, E. A. Gupton.
Pine Forest, No. 186—J. McCormick.
Central Cross, No. 187—A. Thomas, W. A. Moore, R. R. Boone.
Balfour, No. 188—S. G. Worth.
Fair Bluff, No. 190—J. Q. Smith.
Granite, No. 191—W. H. Tomlinson, G. H. Faribault, J. H. Young.
Burnsville, No. 192—R. B. Vance, R. V. Blackstock.
Falkland, No. 196—W. L. Tyer.
High Point, No. 199—R. M. Jackson.
Eagle Rock, No. 201—Edward Debnam.
Cleaveland, No. 202—A. W. Burton.
Roanoke, No. 203—B. W. Spilman.
Berea, No. 204—R. S. Word.
Mingo, No. 206—K. Barefoot.
Lebanon, No. 207—W. T. Jennings.
Mt. Olive, No. 208—R. F. Cobb.
New Salem, No. 209—L. C. Wood.
Finding 89 Lodges duly represented.

E. W. WARD, } Com.
O. L. FILYAW, }

NOTE.—The Grand Secretary begs leave to state here, that the three first proxies which he received he felt bound to represent; the others omitting to give him the power to transfer, must of necessity be unrepresented.

The following committees were appointed:

On Propositions and Grievances.—A. W. Burton, G. B. Allen, J. B. Lassiter.

On Expulsions and Suspensions.—R. B. Vance, L. J. Merritt, S. H. Bell.

On Charters and Dispensations.—R. W. Best, L. A. Paschal, A. Bailey.

On Returns from Subordinate Lodges.—James H. Strum, Geo. Riley, R. M. Jackson.

On Accounts and Claims against the Grand Lodge.—M. L. Wriston, J. W. A. Kerr, E. W. Ward.

On Education.—P. A. Holt, W. H. Hood, Robt. T. Hall.

On Grand Secretary's Book and Report.—Rev. James Reid, D. H. Stephenson, T. J. Utley.

On Grand Treasurer's Accounts.—L. P. Erwin, T. F. Caigle, T. B. Farrow.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master submitted the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

It is presumed that there are many transient brethren in the city who may be desirous of attending our meetings:

Resolved, That all such brethren, of good standing, are respectfully invited to attend the deliberations of this Grand Communication, during its present sittings.

No further business before the Grand Lodge, it was called off from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning, Tuesday, at 10 o'clock.

TUESDAY MORNING, 10 o'clock,
December 6th, 1859.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

The Grand Officers in their seats.

The representation as last night, with the exception of two absent lodges.

The M. W. Grand Master submitted his annual communication, which was read and adopted; when, on motion of R. W. Best, it was referred to a committee of three, to report upon the various subjects referred to in his communication.: Bros. P. A. Holt, W. G. Hill and Calvin J. Rogers were appointed that committee.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

BRETHREN: The season that calls us together around the chief altar of our grand jurisdiction, would seem to be peculiarly appropriate for a few reflections upon some of the prominent characteristics of our institution, and the reasons why we, especially, should feel for it a profound veneration. Though masonry, as an operative association, or school of architects, existed among the heathen nations long anterior to the building of King Solomon's Temple, yet, it had none of the vital characteristics necessary to inspire a general interest, or to render it particularly attractive to any other class. It was then and there, under the reign of a monarch peculiarly endowed by the Almighty for the advancement of his glory, and of the happiness of his people, and with the co-operation of a powerful neighbor and ally, in the person of the Tyrian King, that masonry was born again. At the building of that great temple the spirit and attributes that govern the institution at the present day, were incorporated into the operative order. On that great day, when the cap stone was laid, when the triumphant shout of Israel proclaimed that the Almighty

had received with approbation that stupendous offering of patient and pious labor, the seal of speculative *principle* was affixed to the organic system of the fraternity of operative masons. Radiating from that glorious source and centre, the genius of freemasonry began to diffuse its light through the surrounding nations. And very soon we find her humble altars erected in the chief cities of Palestine, of Persia and of Egypt. Thence, with the march of empires she has maintained an equal pace, and as each one in succession reached its culminating point and began to decline, the succeeding wave has borne her ever upward and onward. Though every human institution must of necessity suffer by the vicissitudes that overturn governments and social systems, however imperfect, yet in the institution of masonry, there is a compensating principle, against which adversity wars in vain. This feature in her organization affords a most interesting subject for contemplation. The mutability of all the works of man inclines us to attach the greatest value to those things upon which we have learned to look, as the most lasting, and the least variable in their nature. In this respect our institution stands pre-eminent. That great temple, the pride of Israel, and the wonder of all nations, fashioned with so much skill and elegance, and of the most durable material known to the architect, is not even classed among the *ancient ruins*; it has been literally annihilated, and that no less spacious and magnificent structure, erected upon the same hallowed spot, four hundred and seventy years later, has shared a fate equally sad—equally disastrous. The two powerful nations by whose wealth it was built, are known to the world, as such, no longer. The builders of Memphis, of Thebes, and of the Pyramids, with all the characteristics of their race, have passed away, and Egypt, once supreme in wealth, in power and in learning, the very Mecca of the aspirant after knowledge, is now, perhaps, of all the ancient kingdoms, the most desolate. In contemplating that chaos of a once mighty empire, there is a melancholy pleasure in the reflection, that the only testimonials of her ancient splendor that have survived the wreck, were planted there by the hands of our brethren, and that those monuments of the masonic art, with the mould of centuries clinging thick and dark around them, still have power to charm the scholar, the painter, the sculptor and the architect of every clime. The once rich and powerful Idumea lies buried beneath the sands of the desert, or in sterile, dreary, barren and uninhabitable waste, and her chief city, hidden from the eyes of men, until the story of its existence began to be regarded as fabulous. Greece, once glorious in arms, and in all the refinements of learning, of art and of architecture, the prolific mother of great men, the land of Cadmus, of Homer and of Hesiod, the land over which the immortal genius of Plato, of Pythagoras, of Demosthenes and of Euclid, have shed a halo of unfading glory; and where we may

> "Hold high converse with the mighty dead,
> Sages of ancient time, as gods revered;
> As gods beneficent, who blessed mankind
> With arts, with arms, and humanized a world."

There the genius of liberty has laid her sceptre at the feet of the conqueror; yielded successively to the Persian, the Macedonian, the Roman, the Goth, the Catelonian and the Ottoman; she has been despoiled of all that was great in the character of her people, noble in her institutions and glorious in her works of art, and the yoke is now the appropriate emblem of her political degradation;

> "'Tis Greece, but living Greece no more."

Her world-renowned Acropolis, once the garden of sculpture and of architecture, crowned with the wonderful temples of Minerva, and of Jupiter Olympus, around which an ocean of blood has been poured out, after having resisted the ravaging spirit of conquest, the destructive engines of the invader, and the sacrilegous hand of the infidel, for more than two thousand years, was shorn at last of all the gems of art that clustered in such rich profusion about its gorgeous fanes and splendid courts.

When Rome was gathering into her iron grasp the reins of political dominion, and flushed with the hope of eternal sway, Numa Pompilius instituted the Ancilia, with sacred rites and imposing ceremonies, as a symbol of the *perpetuity* of the empire; yet that stupendous power, raised upon the ruins of a world flushed with the pride of unlimited sway and looking to the uttermost verge of time as the meridian of her supremacy, could not command exemption from the common fate.

"As year by year each crumbling fragment drops
From time's dull wreck into oblivion's void."

So have the revolving years lopped off the States and Kingdoms that poured their tribute into the treasury of "Imperial Rome." The sun of her glory has set forever, and mental darkness and physical imbecility broods over the collossal ruin.

Thus have kingdoms, empires and republics risen, flourished and decayed with age, since the advent of the Order of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

The institutions of learning for which old Rome and Greece were distinguished, their schools of philosophy and religion, have all passed away. Their ancient mysteries, notwithstanding their alluring promises, that the souls of the initiated should have their future abode in the habitation of the gods, are gone, and their rituals forgotten.

Of the innumerable institutions, founded at different ages of the world, for the amelioration of the mental, moral and physical condition of man, there is not one extant, that has attained to a tythe of the years that number the age of masonry. It must not be supposed that she has passed unscathed through all the chances and changes of her eventful pilgrimage. Few institutions have been more relentlessly persecuted. Alternately fostered and interdicted by monarchs and governments, cherished and anathematized by a most powerful hierarchy, her votaries dragged, under every conceivable pretext, to the dungeon, the scaffold and the inquisition, yet her march has been ever steadily and peacefully onward. Silently and unobtrusively she has pursued her course, a passive witness of political and religious conflicts that scattered ruin and desolation over the fairest portion of this fair globe. Her mission is emphatically one of peace, and most faithfully has she fulfilled it. No plots or conspiracies against legal authority, however oppressive, have ever been traced to her sanctuaries. She uses no carnal weapons in defence of her rights, or the enforcement of her principles. Mental darkness is her great adversary, and with the Sword of Truth, she has ever maintained the conflict. Under the Banner of Love, she has, in her silent march, spread a zone of philanthropy about a world.

When we look back through the dim distant past, to Mount Moriah's sacred fane, before our mental vision

"A beauteous image doth serenely glide,
As 't were an Iris, 'mid the clouds of Thought,
With splendor calm, like that by twilight brought,
That lingers on the verge of parting light,
And flings enchantment o'er the brow of night.
Expressions fleeting radiance, from her eye,
Falls like a meteor, through an autumn sky;
Her voice, though near, yet borne from far, doth seem—
The lonely echo that survives a dream."

To the intelligent mason, it cannot be other than a source of the deepest interest to watch this beautiful image, this genius of our institution, through her wonderful pilgrimage. To see arise on every side, kingdoms and empires, republics and institutions, all contending in the race, for glory and immortality, to note their struggles and contentions for supremacy, to see them wax and wane, flourish and fall away, each in succession, to their original chaos, and others on their ruins rise, to share in turn the same inglorious fate. While

for the frailties and misfortunes of each she drops a pitying tear, with strength and vigor unimpaired, she till pursues her onward course. Who can study the history, and analyze the principles of masonry, and then resist the conclusion that it is stamped with the patent of the Deity. To what great power else are we indebted for this wonderful preservation from the calamitous fate of all her early contemporaries? If we may not infer a special superintending Providence, we may, without presumption, claim a design on the part of the great Creator, by a combination of certain pure and immutable principles, to perpetuate the institution for the good of our race. What a powerful incentive does such a conclusion furnish, for us to cherish it, to guard it from all evil influences, and to transmit it, pure and undefiled, to our successors; and to him through whose divine interposition we have received it from the hands of our sires, our humble and sincere thanks are eminently due; in His praise should our voices be united, and to him should we devoutly appeal for wisdom to govern our councils, and to guide us in the true and faithful administration of the important interest that she has committed to our care.

Another cycle has been added to the long array that marks an unparalleled age of continually increasing prosperity, during which time no calamity has touched the great heart of masonry in our peaceful and happy country. With grateful hearts and high hopes, therefore, may we enter upon the untried future; and while we live up to the true principles of our masonic profession, we may look with confidence to that great light that has guided our institution through the perils and persecutions of the past, for many a cordial greeting around this sacred altar.

Brethren, I will not divert your attention longer from the primary objects of our convocation. We are here to examine the transactions of the past year, and to take council of each other for the future interests of our Order in North Carolina. To that end, therefore, it becomes my duty to place before you a record of my official acts during that time.

Among the duties assigned to me at the last communication, was the appointment of District Deputy Grand Masters for each of the seven judicial districts of the State. This was done so near the close of the session, that it was impossible, before the adjournment, to make judicious selections. Immediately, therefore, after the close, and before leaving the capital, I commenced a correspondence with known and reliable brethren in the several districts, with the view of obtaining the services of such as were well qualified, and resided near the centre of their respective districts. This so delayed the appointments, that the Proceedings were printed before the list was completed, and the names of Bro. Henry T. Clark for the third, and D. D. Philips for the fourth districts, do not appear in the list of appointments. And it was not until the last of June that I succeeded in finding a competent brother that would undertake the duties of Grand Lecturer for the State at large. Bro. James H. Strum having consented to serve, I issued his commission on the first of July, and very soon thereafter he entered upon the discharge of his duties.

The case of brothers James J. Moore and J. M. Stone, that came up on an appeal from Franklinton Lodge, No. 123, at the last communication, was referred to me for a decision; and after a careful examination of the record of the proceedings of that Lodge, in the two trials, I referred it back for a new trial, pointing out the errors and irregularities of the original proceedings, and giving them such directions in regard to their future action in the case as seemed necessary. Herewith I submit the abstract of the proceedings upon which my decision was based, and a copy of the decision and instructions, marked A.

Under a resolution of the Grand Lodge, adopted at the last communication, requiring the Grand Master to make an appeal to the Subordinate Lodges, in behalf of St. John's College, as soon as other pressing engagements would permit, I addressed a circular letter to each of the Lodges within our jurisdiction, to each of the grand officers, and to as many of the friends of that

institution as were personally known to me, and herewith submit a copy of the same, marked B.

What has been accomplished during the past year for the pecuniary relief of the College, cannot yet be fully determined. Though I have said and written much in behalf of this institution, yet I should do violence to my own judgment and feelings, and to the future welfare of masonry in North Carolina, were I to retire from the important position in which I have been placed by the fraternity, without once more urging its claims upon your attention.

As I have already said, I cannot now tell what remains to be done, to place the property, unencumbered, in the possession and under the full and entire control of the Grand Lodge. But were it even more than the estimates of last year, it should not discourage, but stimulate us to more energetic and persevering efforts ; for I cannot believe but that the fraternity will yet awake to its true interests, and a correct appreciation of the moral obligations that bind us to the faithful execution of that work.

Brethren, let me conjure you by all the principles of honor, and the incentives to duty, to yourselves as masons, and to the Order in North Carolina, never to abandon this enterprise. I have no personal interest in it beyond that which every member of the craft should feel ; but I revere the name and principles of masonry, and cherish the honor of the institution as a sacred thing, which as true masons, we should shield from the very shadow of reproach. Any breach of faith on the part of the Grand Lodge would recoil upon the character of every member of the Order under its jurisdiction. And in this matter, I do assure you that the Grand Lodge has gone too far to recede without a sacrifice of the plainest principles of *honesty*. This may be called a strong or harsh expression, and I admit that it has no melody in it, but truth is not always pleasant, any more than physic, yet both are absolutely indispensable.

Take the records of the Grand Lodge from the time this enterprise was inaugurated, read them carefully, and see what she has said, what she has promised, through her committees, the pledges she has made through her agents, what she has said in her councils, and reiterated from year to year, what she has done, and what remains to be done, and then, if there is one member present who will say that she can *honestly* abandon it, I might consent to modify the expression, yet I should hold to the same opinion still.

It will soon be no longer my duty, or my privilege, to urge you to the consideration of this matter, yet I will not relinquish with my office, my confidence in the integrity of the fraternity. "Come weal or come woe," they have ever been true to the highest principles of right and justice, and I cannot believe that they will forsake them now.

Since the last communication I have issued dispensations for the opening of six new lodges, the names and locality of which will appear in the report of the Grand Secretary. I have had petitions for some others, which I thought it inexpedient to grant.

On the 20th of June last, upon the petition of the requisite number of the original members of Wilson Lodge, No. 139, I issued a dispensation for its revival.

I have been under the unpleasant necessity of summoning Bro. Jno. Ireland, formerly a member of Shallow Ford Lodge, No. 169, to appear before this Grand Lodge, to answer the charge of resisting one of its edicts, and also the authority of the Grand Master. The papers in that case are herewith submitted, marked C.

By a resolution adopted at the last Grand Communication, I was instructed to "appoint some suitable person to visit Oxford, and examine the books, subscriptions, bonds, notes and accounts, and everything appertaining to the condition of the College, and to state the same in a condensed form, in as plain a manner as practicable, embracing all the accounts from the organization of the board, and report the same to the next Grand Lodge." Feeling the importance of having such a report upon our records, I used every effort in my power to obtain the services of a competent accountant, but the necessity of

going to Oxford, where access could be had to the books and papers, and where the officers could be consulted, defeated all my efforts, such persons generally having local employment. I have still, however, hopes that we may succeed, and that such a statement of the transactions of the board may be placed upon our records for future reference.

Upon an examination of the form adopted at the last communication for recording the transactions of subordinate lodges, I find that in many particulars, it recognizes a practice that is in conflict with the rules laid down in the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge. I have, therefore, prepared, and submit herewith such a form as the lodges may properly use as a guide in recording the usual transactions of their meetings.

There is a practice prevailing, to some considerable extent, in our subordinate lodges, to which I desire to call your attention, and which, I think, should be corrected by special enactment. I refer to that of leaving the minutes or journal of the proceedings of one meeting of the lodge to be adopted or confirmed by the succeeding meeting. From this practice has arisen many disputes, erroneous proceedings, and much bad feeling among the members. The minutes should be read, and confirmed before the lodge is closed, and while the members who participated in the transactions are present. They are the only persons competent to decide as to the truth of the record. Instead of this, we have the very anomalous proceedings of members voting or deciding upon a question of fact about which they can know nothing; and it often happens that the minutes of a meeting are confirmed, or some portions of them set aside, when there is not seven members present who were at the preceding meeting, and yet the lodge takes upon itself to say whether or not the record is true.

Some of our subordinate lodges are either ignorant of the regulation of the Grand Lodge, requiring that there shall be but one ballot on a petition for the degrees, or they have been misled by the form for recording the proceedings, that was adopted at the last convocation, and to which I have before referred, as they continue to ballot for the candidate in each degree. I think, however, that it is only necessary to bring this matter to their attention, to have the erroneous practice discontinued. Whenever the necessity arises of arresting a candidate at any stage of his progress through the degrees, there is a rule of the Grand Lodge providing for it.

The subject of a supreme Grand Lodge has for many years occupied the attention of the State grand bodies in this country, and many plans have been submitted for their consideration, none of which seems to have met with general favor; and for the last four or five years the question has been agitated but very little. A meeting, however, on this subject has recently been held at Chicago, Ill., and a plan submitted for the establishment of a "Masonic Congress," which, though not official, I herewith submit, believing it to be authentic.

In considering the subject of a supreme head, we should first determine whether or not such an organization is necessary. Should we decide this point in the affirmative, then, its practicability will be the next question in order. The limits of this report will not permit me to enter at length upon the investigation of these questions. I can, therefore, do little more than express an opinion.

I have devoted much time to the consideration of this matter, which has led me to the conclusion, that no benefits that can possibly accrue to the State Grand Lodges, will compensate them for the time, labor and expense necessary to establish and maintain such an organization. The only good that could possibly result from the establishment of a supreme head, can be attained without it. There has rarely occurred any misunderstandings or conflicts of jurisdiction between the State Grand Lodges, requiring the interposition of supreme authority; and none that has not been as speedily, and perhaps more satisfactorily, adjusted by the mere force of opinion, and the influence of the principles of justice and right, than it could have been by such authority.

The establishment of a more uniform mode of work, I look upon as utterly impracticable. The dissemination of knowledge on points of masonic jurisprudence can be as readily and as thoroughly effected by the Grand Lodges themselves. These are the primary purposes that the advocates of a Supreme Grand Lodge propose to accomplish through its power and influence.

Without perfect unanimity and the zealous co-operation of all the grand bodies, the authority of such a head would be inefficient for any practical utility; its arbitraments could not be enforced, and while its adherents might yield a reluctant obedience to its mandates, a spirit of jealousy, distrust and dissatisfaction would be engendered between them and the nonaffiliated Grand Lodges, more pernicious in its effects than anything that has ever resulted from the present system.

To support such an institution it would be necessary to resort to taxation, which it would be impossible to equalize, and the expenses necessary to secure a full and fair representation would be an additional burthen. The difficulties and uncertainties that must necessarily arise in securing the services of men of their choice to represent the State Grand Lodges, would often result in the alternative of selecting those who neither know their views or their wishes, for they would either have to resort to the proxy system, or have no voice in the supreme councils. No plan has yet been devised that has met with any such support as to inspire a hope of ultimate success. That proposed by the Chicago convention, notwithstanding the eminence of its authors, is, in my judgment, entitled to no better fate.

In the introduction to the Articles of Association, they set forth that one of the objects contemplated by it, is the forming of a "closer union, and increase of harmony among the Grand Lodges of America;" and yet the very first step in their plan is the creation of a *faction*, by organizing what they intend as a Supreme head, with but five adherents. Another of the proposed objects, is the settlement, equitably and permanently, of all questions of law and jurisdiction, yet any Grand Lodge that may be dissatisfied with its decisions may withdraw, by simply passing a resolution to that effect, or if they do not mutually agree to submit their differences and disputes to the arbitrament of this body, they may fight it out, it claims no right to interfere.

This Masonic Congress is to be supported by a tax of equal amounts on each of its constituent Grand Lodges: that one with three or four subordinates pays as much as that with two hundred. These are but a very few of what I consider the imperfections of this new plan.

With this convocation closes my labors and responsibilities as your chief officer, and if I have failed in the discharge of any duty pertaining to the office confided to my administration, it has been from the want of either mental capacity or physical ability, and not from any lack of interest in the prosperity of our Masonic Order. Though with other public and private duties, those of this important office have pressed heavily upon me, yet I have been encouraged to persevere, by the almost universal kindness and confidence of the brethren throughout our jurisdiction, and I shall ever recur with emotions of pleasure to my intercourse with them, and to their cordial greetings when the returning seasons of our Grand Communication have gathered us around the Altar of our chief sanctuary, and at this peaceful shrine may you continue to renew your pledges of friendship and fraternal interest in the welfare of each other until your earthly temple is finished, and you are called to a glorious reward in the sanctuary of the blessed. ALFRED MARTIN.

Bro. L. S. Williams, Deputy Grand Master, submitted the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Whereas, Many subjects of interest may come up during the present Grand Communication relating to St. John's College; be it

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to whom all matters touching St. John's College shall be referred.

Bros. L. S. Williams, P. A. Holt and W. H. Hood, were appointed that committee.

The Grand Secretary submitted his annual report, which was read and adopted; when, on his motion, it was referred to the committee on his Books:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

By the permission of the Supreme Architect of the universe, you have again assembled at the usual time and place, to transact all business which may be brought before your body during the present communication.

In the discharge of an important branch of my duty as your secretary, I had (by and with the advice of the printing and publishing committee) the usual number of copies of your proceedings of last year printed, and I furnished each working lodge with its usual supply, and the Grand Lodges of these United States and Territories, with Canada West, were supplied with one copy each, and I have received in return a copy of *their* proceedings, for the use and benefit of our Grand Lodge.

In January last I received from Bro. Robert Morris, of Louisville, Ky., the full number of his masonic library, 30 volumes; and through our brother, William G. Hill, of this city, I have received three copies of Bro. J. W. S. Mitchell's History of Masonry, which I was authorized to purchase, by a resolution of your body in the session of 1856.

These are valuable publications, and they should be found in the library of every mason who might feel disposed to enrich his mind with masonic light and knowledge, which he could not fail to obtain, after a patient and careful perusal of their contents.

I again, with much pleasure, inform your M. W. Body that the subordinate lodges (with some few exceptions) have observed their usual promptness in the payment of their annual stipends.

The sum of $1993 50 was received by me during and since your last communication, which I have paid over to Bro. C. W. D. Hutchings, the Grand Treasurer, and for which he has given me his receipt.

In conformity with another branch of my duty, I prepared and transmitted to the subordinates a form of returns, accompanied with a form of representation, which I presume they have received, and will be used for that purpose.

Eight lodges were added to the list of subordinates by charter at your last assemblage, and their names and location can be found in the report of the committee on Charters and Dispensations, on page 22 of the proceedings of last year, and another lodge revived by a renewal of its charter which had been forfeited.

The M. W. Grand Master organized the following lodges by dispensation during the present year: New Salem, New Salem, Randolph County; Rockingham, Rockingham, Richmond County; Berea, Berea, Granville County; Lebanon, Whitesville, Columbus County; Mount Olive, Mount Olive, Wayne County; Mingo, Mingo, Sampson County; Roanoke, Weldon, Halifax County; Long Creek, Hopewell, Mecklenburg County.

Bro. P. W. Fanning, the chairman of the committee on Foreign Correspondence, has transmitted me his report which is ready for your inspection.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM T. BAIN, *Grand Secretary.*

On motion of Bro. W. H. Hood, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge go into the election of officers to-night at 8 o'clock.

Called off until this evening 3 o'clock.

TUESDAY EVENING, 3 o'clock, December 6th, 1859.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

The Grand Officers and Delegates in their seats.

The report of the President of the Board of Trustees of St. John's College was read, and on motion, it was referred to the committee on St. John's College.

The report of the Grand Lecturer of the Eastern District was read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

At the close of this masonic year it again becomes my duty, as Grand Lecturer of the Eastern District of North Carolina, to render an account of my proceedings during the year.

I have visited and instructed the following lodges, which I left in good working order, viz: Jerusalem Lodge, No. 75, Hookerton; Sharon Lodge, No. 78, Greenville; Concord Lodge, No. 58, Tarboro'; Enfield Lodge, No. 88, Enfield; Royal Whitehart Lodge, No. 2, Halifax; Roanoke Lodge, No. 203, Weldon; King Solomon Lodge, No. 56, Jackson; Sunsbury Lodge, No. 126, Gatesville; St. John's Lodge, No. 96, Kinston; Widow's Son Lodge, No. 75, Camden C. H.; Pasquotank Lodge, No. 103, Pasquotank; Skewarky Lodge, No. 90, Williamston; Morning Star Lodge, No. 85, Nashville; Orr Lodge, No. 104, Washington; Perseverance Lodge, No. 59, Plymouth; Falkland Lodge, No. 196, Falkland; Conoho Lodge, No. 131, Hamilton.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

CALVIN COX, *G. L.*

The Grand Treasurer's report was read and referred to the committee on the Grand Treasurer's accounts:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

C. W. D. HUTCHINGS, *Treas., in account with the Grand Lodge of N. C.*

1858.		
Dec. 6.	To amount of cash on hand on settlement to date,	$87 62
	Amouut of cash received from W. T. Bain, Grand Secretary, from Dec. 6, 1858, to Dec. 6, 1859, inclusive,	1,993 50
		$2,081 12
	Amount of Disbursements for same period, viz:	
1859.		
Jan. 10.	By cash paid Treasurer St. John's College,	$600 00
	" " James Banks, Chairman Hist. Com.,	125 00
	" " H. C Lucas,	25 00
	" " J. T. Alexander,	30 00
	" " W. T. Bain,	205 00
	" " Do., for Robert Morris,	20 33
	" " J. T. Littlejohn,	20 65
	" " Waterhouse & Bowes,	96 00
	" " Do. do.,	9 00
	" " W. G. M., A. Martin,	25 00
	" " J. M. Betts,	5 40
	" " C. Kuester,	2 50

Jan. 10.	By cash paid S. Stevens,		1 43
	" "	Holden & Wilson,	5 00
	" "	J. J. James,	2 25
	" "	J. W. Syme,	4 75
	" "	John Myatt,	7 35
	" "	N. S. Harp,	41 75
	" "	J. W. Syme,	280 00
	" "	Postage account,	30 00
	" "	James Banks, Chm'n Hist. Com.,	200 00
	" "	W. G. M. A. Martin's draft for printing,	51 50
	" "	Taxes on Lodge building,	10 00
		5 per cent. com. on $1,993 50,	99 67
		Amount brought forward to balance,	183 54
			$2,081 12

All of which is respectfully submitted.

December 6, 1859. C. W. D. HUTCHINGS, *Treasurer.*

The following report on the Grand Secretary's books and report was read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Grand Secretary on the examination of his books, beg leave to report that they have performed that duty, and have found the report correct, and that his books are kept in a neat and business-like manner.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES REID, *Chairman.*

The report of the Grand Lecturer for the State at large was read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The undersigned, appointed Grand Lecturer for the State at large, begs leave to submit the following report:

In consequence of not being able to close up prior engagements, I could not determine earlier than the month of July, whether I could accept the appointment of Grand Lecturer for the State at large, which I had the honor to receive from our Most Worshipful Grand Master. In that month I was happily enabled to accept it, and received my commission, and at once entered upon my duties. I have visited and instructed the following lodges: Berea Lodge, (U. D.) Granville; Knapp of Reeds Lodge, No. 158, Granville; Person Lodge, No. 113, Roxboro'; Palmyra Lodge, No. 147, Averasboro'; Mill Creek Lodge, No. 125, Johnston; Cane Creek Lodge, No. 142, Alamance; St. Alban's Lodge, No 114, Lumberton; White Stone Lodge, No. 155, Wake. Although most of those lodges were very deficient in the work of the several degrees, and particularly the lectures appertaining thereto, yet I found among the brethren much zeal, and an ardent desire for instruction, which I flatter myself none will say I have been backward in giving.

At no period of time has there been a greater degree of zeal, or a more ardent desire for knowledge evinced among the brethren than at present. They are not only solicitous to get the most efficient oral instruction, but many of them are seeking the best periodicals and other masonic works to inform themselves in the great and fundamental principles of our time-honored institution. Thus the lodges will constantly have well informed presiding officers, many of whom will be fully competent to preside as Grand Masters. In my intercourse with the brethren I have, at all times, been treated with the utmost kindness and fraternal regard. I am sorry it has not been in my power to

have visited several other lodges which have solicited my services. I shall give those lodges my earliest attention, should it be the pleasure of the Grand Lodge to renew my appointment.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. STRUM, *G. L.*

The report of Bro. Jas. Banks, Chairman of the Historical Committee, was read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The undersigned, Chairman of the Historical Committee, reports that during the spring he visited the older Lodges, and obtained valuable information, which he has been unable as yet, to put in proper shape for publication. The residue of the work is ready, and all can be ready for publication by the spring. Circumstances have induced him to move with his family to Florida, where he designs completing what he has commenced, and will forward to Bro. A. M. Campbell, at Fayetteville, the sheets as they are written; Bro. Campbell, one of the committee, having kindly consented to supervise the work, and for that purpose I have left with him the records of the Grand Lodge, carrying with me the printed proceedings. The completion of the work will be a labor of love in my new home, and as my pen traces the names of good masons and great men who belong to your jurisdiction, I hope it may lead me to imitate their example in all things. Wishing harmony and prosperity to your body, I am, truly and fraternally yours,

JAMES BANKS, *Chairman of Hist. Com.*

The report of Bro. Joshua Roberts, District Deputy Grand Master for the 7th Judicial District, was read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Having had the honor to receive from the M. W. Grand Master the office of District Deputy Grand Master for the 7th Judicial District, it becomes my duty to report to you, at the close of the masonic year, the state of the ancient fraternity in my district. I made an effort, in the early part of the summer, to convene the masters of the several lodges within my jurisdiction. In this I was unsuccesful, only four having attended. I had the pleasure of seeing, however, during the summer, all the masters except one, the master of Western Star. I found them all deficient, to some extent, in work, but willing and anxious to be instructed. With the assistance of Bro. R. B. Vance, Grand Lecturer for the Western District of North Carolina, I endeavored to impart, so far as the limited time we were together would permit, the true work as adopted by the Grand Lodge. I am happy to be able to state it as my belief that the lodges in this district, in their manner of work, will lose nothing by comparison with the same number of lodges anywhere in my acquaintance. Peace and harmony exist in all the lodges in this district, with the exception of two, Mount Hermon and Burnsville. The former, I hope, has conservative element enough to enable them to outride the storm, and that harmony may again prevail, but I have fears that the latter may not be so fortunate.

Catawba Valley Lodge is not included in the above report, as I understand the fire has long been extinguished on their altar, and they have ceased to work.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSHUA ROBERTS.

The report of the committee on Foreign Correspondence was read and received, and ordered to appear in the printed proceedings.—[*See Appendix.*]

The M. W. Grand Master appointed Bros. H. C. Lucas, O. L. Filyaw and M. L. Wriston a committee to report upon a case of trespass upon this jurisdiction by a subordinate lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina.

Called off until 7 o'clock this evening.

TUESDAY EVENING, 7 o'clock,
December 6th, 1859.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

The Grand Officers and Delegates in their seats.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations made their report, which was adopted, and the committee continued:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations have examined the proceedings and by-laws of the following lodges working under dispensations from the Grand Master of North Carolina:

ROANOKE LODGE, No. 203.—We find some little deficiency in the early part of their work, and some little inaccuracy in keeping their minutes, but we are glad to find that in the latter part of their work they had greatly improved in both these particulars, and now seem to be working correctly. We recommend that their by-laws be approved, and as this lodge has been working for the last two years under a dispensation, we most cordially recommend that a charter be granted.

LIBERTY LODGE, No. 45.—This lodge having become dormant, the Grand Master granted them a dispensation to open a new lodge. We have examined their proceedings and find them correct. We recommend the adoption of their by-laws. We have also read and considered their petition and application for a new charter or the re-establishment of the old one, under which that lodge worked many years ago. We recommend the re-establishment of the old charter.

BEREA LODGE, No. 204.—We have examined the work of this lodge and find it very good. We recommend the adoption of their by-laws, and that a charter be granted.

LONG CREEK LODGE, No. 205.—We have examined the work of this lodge and it gives us pleasure to report that it has been done well. We recommend the adoption of their by-laws, and that a charter be granted.

MINGO LODGE, No. 206.—We have examined the work of this lodge and find it correct. We recommend the adoption of their by-laws, and that a charter be granted.

LEBANON LODGE, No. 207.—The officers of this lodge have not furnished us with a copy of their proceedings, but we have examined their record and find it correct. We recommend the adoption of their by-laws, and that a charter be granted.

MOUNT OLIVE, No. 208.—We have examined the work and proceedings of this lodge and find it very good. We recommend that their by-laws be adopted, and that a charter be granted.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

R. W. BEST,
L. A. PASCHAL, } Com.
ALLEN BAILEY,

The Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:

Bro. LEWIS S. WILLIAMS,	of Charlotte,	Grand	Master.
" H. C. LUCAS,	of Fayetteville,	"	Sen. Warden.
" E. F. WATSON,	of Alamance,	"	Jun. Warden.
" C. W. D. HUTCHINGS,	of Raleigh,	"	Treasurer.
" WM. T. BAIN,	of "	"	Secretary.

On motion, it was

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to inform the Grand Officers of their election and to procure the services of some Past Grand officer to install them.

Bros. Hall, Howlett and Vance, were appointed on that committee.

Bro. L. A. Paschal, of Tuscarora Lodge, No. 122, transferred his proxy to Bro. J. T. Littlejohn for the remainder of the session.

Bro. J. J. Cheatham appointed Bro. Jona. M. Stone his proxy for Townsville Lodge, No. 182, for the remainder of the session.

Called off until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 10 o'clock, December 7th, 1859.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

PRESENT:

ALFRED MARTIN,	Grand Master,
L. S. WILLIAMS,	Deputy Grand Master,
H. C. LUCAS,	" Senior Warden,
Dr. E. F. WATSON,	" Junior "
C. W. D. HUTCHINGS,	" Treasurer.
W. T. BAIN,	" Secretary.
JOHN MCCORMICK,	" Senior Deacon.
R. T. HALL,	" Junior "
B. F. BENTON,	" Tyler.

Marshal, Sword Bearer and Pursuivant in their seats.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations made their supplement report, which was adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations desire to make a further report. We have examined the proceedings and by-laws of the following lodge, working under a dispensation from the Most Worshipful Grand Master:

NEW SALEM LODGE, No. ——.—The officers of this lodge have not furnished us with a copy of their proceedings, but have submitted the original record. We find the work is well done and the record well kept. We recommend their by-laws be approved, and that a charter be granted.

Your committee would further recommend that the lodges working under dispensations, that have not sent up a transcript of their proceedings, be requested to do so, in order that they may remain on the files of the Grand Secretary.

R. W. BEST, ALLEN BAILEY, } Com.

Bros. William Murdoch and A. W. Burton were added to the Committee on St. John's College.

Bro. D. H. Stephenson obtained leave of absence from the Grand Master.

Bro. A. W. Burton submitted the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the words "in form heretofore used" be stricken out of Section 3d, Article 7th, of the constitution of this Grand Body, and that the section shall read as follows: "The Grand Lodge shall have power, by charter under their seal, to constitute new lodges, to establish an uniform mode of working in all the lodges in this State, and superintend and regulate the general police of masonry, according to the ancient usages and customs of masons; carefully regarding the old land marks, which are, on no account, to be removed or defaced."

The report of the committee on the Grand Master's Address was read and adopted:

A committee, consisting of Bros. P. A. Holt, W. G. Hill and Calvin J. Rogers, to whom was referred the Most Worshipful Grand Master's Address, submitted through their chairman the following report:

Your committee, to whom was referred the communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, have had the same under consideration, though the time allotted them has been extremely limited, and beg leave most respectfully to submit the following report: Your committee would manifest their high appreciation and cordial approbation of the wholesome masonic teachings of the address, and the obligations the fraternity of this jurisdiction are under to our Most Worshipsul Grand Master for his able and valuable contribution to the masonic literature of this Grand Body. It is one replete with the true spirit of the order, and we specially commend it to the attentive consideration of the fraternity. Your committee earnestly commend that portion of the address in behalf of St. John's College, and hope its eloquent appeals in its behalf, the college requiring a zealous co-operation to relieve its financial embarrassment, and erase forever from the escutcheon of this Grand Lodge any implied stain of forfeited masonic faith, will meet a hearty response in the breast of every true votary of the craft in the broad limits of this jurisdiction. It is recommended that the appeal of certain brethren from Franklinton Lodge, No. 123, and fully and elaborately explained in document A, with the action of the Grand Master, to whom it was referred for adjudication, be referred to a special committee.

We suggest that the case from Shallow Ford Lodge, No. 169, with the accompanying papers marked C, be referred to the committee on propositions and grievances.

We have carefully examined the form for recording the proceedings of subordinate lodges, prepared by our Worshipful Grand Master, as a substitute for the one adopted at the last communication of this Grand Body, and consider it admirably adapted for the purpose ntended, and recommend its being endorsed and published in our next annual proceedings. We have seen so often demonstrated the difficulties originating from subordinate lodges not adopting the proceedings of one meeting until the next subsequent regular meeting, that we fully subscribe to the Grand Master's appeal in reference to it, and hope that all subordinate lodges will hereafter act in accordance with its precepts, thereby obviating many unpleasant and unmasonic results

The manifest impropriety, indeed, infraction, of the plainest principles of masonic usage for subordinate lodges, balloting for a candidate at each succeeding degree, we hope will need but the wholesome admonition of the present address to prevent a recurrence of similar proceedings again on their part, and that they will examine more carefully for their guidance the rules so plainly pointed out by this Grand Lodge.

The views and opinions so clearly and elaborately expressed in reference to the organization of a Supreme Grand Lodge, according to the plan proposed by the Chicago Convention, meets our unqualified approbation. Concurring, as we do with our Grand Master, that such an organization would prove inefficient and impracticable, and no good whatever could result from it, we hardly deem it necessary that any further action should be had by this Grand Body; but that its fossil remains should remain forever buried where an enlightened masonic sentiment has consigned them.

Your committee have learned with deep regret that our Grand Master, after the present communication, voluntarily relinquishes the cares and responsibilities of his position as the presiding officer of this jurisdiction. We are sure we but feebly reflect the sentiment of every member of this Grand Lodge, when we assure him that during his administration we have mingled

around this common altar with pleasure and profit—that by his impartial and able exposition of the true principles of our order, he has won our confidence, as a prudent counsellor, adviser and friend. By his deep solicitude and unremitting zeal in diffusing masonic light throughout this jurisdiction, he has secured our lasting gratitude. And we can assure him that though relinquishing the gavel to assume again the active duties of the fraternity, he will carry with him in his retirement the warmest affection of masonic hearts, and they will bid him adieu with an earnest hope for his continued prosperity and happiness.

P. A. HOLT,
CALVIN J. ROGERS, } Com.
WM. G. HILL,

The Committee on Education submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The committee appointed by your Grand Master to collect statistics and reliable data in reference to the great subject of Education as fostered and promoted by the subordinates under this jurisdiction, beg leave to submit the following as the result of their action: Your committee exceedingly regret the little interest apparently manifested by the various subordinate lodges in the great educational progress so eminently characteristic of the present century. After a general supervision of their reports to this Grand Communication, we find not a solitary notice of any efforts they are making to advance the educational interests of the fraternity, and present our order on an equal basis with other joint organizations, in their vigorous crusade against ignorance and its concomitant evils. We hope soon to see this blot forever erased from our masonic escutcheon. Ours is emphatically a progressive institution. Not progressive in the fundamental principles on which our gigantic superstructure is erected—they are as unchangable as the granite of our own native hills—but the genius and spirit of masonry is progressive in its practical results, and a pioneer in the advancement of civilization, and all the healthful influences it diffuses for the amelioration of man's condition and his permanent exaltation in the social scale. We entertain the opinion, however, from a familiar interchange of opinion with the representatives to this Grand Body from the various sections of its jurisdiction, that while lodges are silent in their reports upon this question, yet there is, especially in some localities, a lively interest manifested in this matter; though in others there is a palpable and reprehensible negligence.

There are several academies and schools of various grades under the supervision and control of some of the subordinate lodges, though from but a few of them have we been able to collect any reliable data on which we could, with any certainty, found a special report.

Franklinton Lodge, No. 123, have under their exclusive supervision both a male and female academy. It was regularly organized in the spring of 1847. They have a building for the male academy, which cost some fifteen hundred dollars; a philosophical apparatus costing two hundred and fifty dollars. In the male department of this school, under the management of George W. Neal, Esq., Principal, with competent assistants, there are, at present, some forty pupils. The female department is under the control of Mr. Neal and lady, and has twenty-five pupils. The master of the lodge is President of the Board of Trustees. Bro. Neal, the principal of this institution, is represented as a gentleman of high attainments, and one pre-eminently qualified to render it an ornament, not only to the lodge under whose supervision it is, but to the fraternity of this whole masonic jurisdiction. Perfect unanimity, apparently, marks the interest felt by the members of Franklinton Lodge, and affords a flattering hope that they will succeed in rendering their school one promotive of much good. Its present prospects are very flattering indeed. We commend their laudable example to the other subordinates as worthy of imitation.

Reem's Creek High School, Buncombe County, is under the joint control of the Masons and Sons of Temperance. They have a large and convenient building erected, and eight acres of land attached, costing about one thousand dollars. Rev. J. S. Weaver is the President of the Board of Trustees, and R. V. Blackstock, Secretary and Treasurer. This academy is under the management of Prof. J. H. Calfee, Principal, who is represented as a gentleman of high scholastic order, and has already given the school position and character. The number of pupils not given, but it is in a very prosperous condition. There are some other schools and academies reported in previous communications of your Grand Body, from which we have been able to learn nothing; and consequently are unable to make any satisfactory mention of their progress and prospects. Of these, Knap of Reeds Male Academy, in Granville county, is not at present in operation, for the want of a teacher. Of the Masonic Institute at Germanton, Roxboro' Classical Institute, Mount Energy Academy, Granville, your committee have heard nothing, and presume that they are probably not now in operation. In examining carefully the history of academical institutes in this jurisdiction under the control of subordinate lodges, an irresistible conclusion has been impressed upon our minds in reference to them. It is the danger and frequent injury they ultimately inflict in their failure upon masonry itself. A proper attention to the educational training of our youth has ever been, and we hope will ever be, identified with the genius and spirit of our order, and always demands our highest consideration. It is one of the first rudiments we learn in our initiation, and becomes more and more obligatory, as we advance farther in the mysteries and symbols of the brotherhood. A lodge, before it enters upon the experiment of organizing an incorporated school, should weigh well the results. If they succeed, it will give them eclat and reputation, as well as the conscious reflection of having properly discharged their duty. How often do we find it an engine of evil. Dissentions ensue, strife is engendered, their favorite school is prostrated, and unfortunately drags down with it the lodge itself. How many lodges belonging to this body, have in their forfeited charters practically demonstrated this truth? We do not, however, wish to deter by this hasty mention of danger, your laudable efforts in this particular, but to point out the breakers, that you may avoid them. When you determine upon the experiment, let harmony prevail; be united; let no dissentions disturb your deliberations, and success will crown your efforts. You will then erect a monument to your memories more enduring than brass. It will be a memento handed down to future generations, and safely preserved in grateful hearts, who have been relieved from the shackles of ignorance through your masonic charity.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

P. A. HOLT,
WM. H. HOOD, } Com.
ROBERT T. HALL,

The committee have learned since their report that the Academy under the care of Knap of Reeds Lodge, continues in a flourishing condition.

P. A. HOLT, *Chairman.*

Bro. F. G. Foster had leave of absence for the balance of the session.

Bro. H. W. Jones, of Rolesville Lodge, No. 156, appointed Bro. C. W. D. Hutchings his proxy for the balance of the session.

Bro. W. L. Tyer leaves Bro. S. E. Milburn his proxy for Falkland Lodge, No. 196.

Bro. W. H. Hood appointed Bro. Littlejohn his proxy for White Stone Lodge, No. 155.

On motion of Bro. Wm. G. Hill, the resolutions offered at the last communication in reference to Grand Lecturers, and made the order of this day (Wednesday) of this communication, be indefinitely postponed.

The following resolutions in regard to St. John's College were read and adopted:

Whereas, It appears to the satisfaction of this Grand Lodge, from the Report of the President of the Board of Trustees of St. John's College, that it is indispensably necessary that the amount of debt against said college, due and owing by this Grand Lodge, be paid off in a short time, or satisfactorily secured, so as to prevent a sale of the college property. Therefore be it

Resolved, That the Committee on St. John's College be instructed to report at this communication the best plan in their judgment to liquidate said debt, so that the title to the said property may be secured to this Grand Lodge, and the objects of the Grand Lodge as originally contemplated, may be carried out.

Resolved, further, That the representatives to this Grand Communication are hereby requested to remain in session, to the end that the benefit of their counsel and conference may be given in maturing some plan to accomplish said result, or until it shall be seen that said result is impracticable.

Resolved, That the delegates to this Grand Communication, who have funds in their hands from their respective lodges, as well as from individual contributors, for the benefit of St. John's College, be requested to report the amount in their hands to the committee on said college.

The Committee to inform the Grand Officers elect of their election and to procure the services of a Past Grand Master to perform the installation services, submitted the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The committee to inform the Grand Officers elect of their election and to procure the services of a P. G. Master to instal them, take pleasure in reporting that they have discharged the duty assigned them, and have secured the services of P. G. M., P. A. Holt, to perform the installation ceremony. They recommend that the installation take place to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. HALL,
R. B. VANCE, } Com.
J. F. HOWLETT,

Bro. P. A. Holt submitted the following resolutions, which were read and adopted:

Resolved, That the Subordinate Lodges of this jurisdiction be required to take action on the resolution adopted by this Grand Lodge at its present Grand Communication, proposing an amendment to Article 7th, Section 3d, of the Constitution, at their first meeting in April next, and immediately thereafter report their decision to the Grand Master at Charlotte.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary issue circulars to all the Subordinate Lodges, apprising them of this resolution of the Grand Lodge, with a copy of the proposed amendment.

Bros. A. W. Burton, E. W. Ward and W. G. Hill were appointed a committee on that portion of the Grand Master's Address in reference to the case from Franklinton Lodge, No. 123.

Bro. R. W. Best submitted the following resolution, which was read and adopted:

Whereas, There are a great many returns from subordinate lodges deficient for want of the Secretary's certificate and seal; therefore, be it

Resolved, That in the future it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to have the following certificate printed on the blank returns for subordinate lodges, to-wit:

I, Secretary of Lodge, No. do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true return of the officers and members of Lodge, No.

Given under my hand and seal of the Lodge, the day of A. L., 58 , A. D., 18

Secretary.

Bro. W. R. Ward, of Siloam Lodge, No. 178, had leave of absence.

W. C. Mason has leave of absence.

B. W. Spelman left Calvin Cox his proxy.

Called off until 3 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 3 o'clock, December 7th, 1859.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

The Grand Officers and Representatives in their seats.

Bro. George M. Thompson left Bro. J. McCormick his proxy from and after December 8th, to represent Lafayette Lodge, No. 179.

The Report of the Grand Lecturer for the Western District, was read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

I regret, in rendering my annual report as Lecturer in the Western District, that I am not able to give a more satisfactory account of the state of affairs. I have visited four lodges during the year, and have invitations from three others, but the time is not yet fixed upon, and this duty will have to be performed by my successor.

I feel quite dissatisfied that I have not done more for the promotion of the Order in my district, but perhaps, am not to blame, as I have generally responded to all calls, when at all consistent with my business connections at home.

I trust that the order may truly prosper in the bounds of the old North State.

Respectfully submitted,

R. B. VANCE, *G. L.*

The Committee on Suspensions and Expulsions made their Report, which was received and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Expulsions and Suspensions within this jurisdiction for the past year, have had the same under careful consideration, and submit the following, and recommend:

1. That the action of Mount Pleasant Lodge, No. 157, in the case of A. C. Jones, charged with unmasonic conduct, be affirmed, and that the said Jones be declared expelled.

2. That the action of Rolesville Lodge, No. 156, in the case of James M. Terrell, for unmasonic conduct towards James B. Redford, member of the same lodge, be affirmed. Penalty, indefinite suspension.

3. That the case of Sargeant, on trial in Lafayette Lodge, No. 179, be referred back to the lodge for total informality, and the committee refer the lodge to the rules governing masonic trials, as published in proceedings of Grand Lodge, 1858.

4. That the action of Columbus Lodge, No. 102, in the case of Francis Ferrell, charged with habitual intoxication, be affirmed. Penalty, indefinite suspension.

5. That the cases of Willis H. Steede, C. R. Watkins and Elisha Marks, of Pee Dee Lodge, No. 150, be sent back to said Lodge, for informality in the transcript.

6. That the action of Radiance Lodge, No. 132, in the cases of W. H. Horn and Icabod Horn, charged with habitual intoxication, be affirmed. Penalty expulsion.

7. That the action of Palmyra Lodge, No. 147, in the case of J. N. McIlwinnen, charged with habitual intoxication, be affirmed. Penalty expulsion.

8. That the action of Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 82, in the case of M. S. Gunn, charged with passing counterfeit money, be affirmed. Penalty expulsion.

9. That the action of Zion Lodge, No. 81, in the case of W. F. Huggins, charged with forgery, be affirmed. Penalty expulsion. The committee call the attention of this lodge to an error in the trial which would justify the case being sent back, to-wit: closing the lodge before the trial was concluded, and resuming again at another period. This course is incorrect.

10. That the action of Cartharge Lodge, No. 181, in the case of Jesse G. Sowell, for unmasonic conduct, be affirmed. Penalty, indefinite suspension.

11. That the action of Carthage Lodge, No. 181, in the case of Tho. D. Williams, charged with unmasonic conduct towards Geo. W. Fooshee, be affirmed. Penalty, indefinite suspension.

12. That the appeal of Thos. W. Ritter from the action of Carthage Lodge, No. 181, be sustained, and the action of the lodge reversed, the offence, in the opinion of the committee, not being of sufficient magnitude to merit the punishment awarded.

13. That the action of Rocky River Lodge, No. 159, in the case of J. J. Johnson, charged with unmasonic conduct, be affirmed. Penalty, expulsion.

14. That the action of Rocky River Lodge, No. 159, in the case of W. J. Teague, charged with forgery, be affirmed. Penalty, expulsion.

15. That the action of Rocky River Lodge, No. 159, in the case of L. T. Teague, charged with unmasonic conduct, be affirmed. Penalty, expulsion.

16. That the action of Skewarkee Lodge, No. 90, in the case of John D. Latham, charged with unmasonic conduct, be affirmed. Penalty, expulsion.

17. That the papers in the case of H. B. Smithwick, of Skewarkee Lodge, No. 90, be sent back for new trial.

18. A defendant's own testimony should not be taken on his trial, yet he may, in the argument of his case, make a statement in relation to the matter, and the lodge can receive it as its members think proper, attaching more or less importance to it.

19. That the action of Knap of Reeds Lodge, No. 158, in the case of Gaston Walters, charged with unmasonic conduct, be affirmed. Penalty, expulsion.

20. That the action of American George Lodge, No. 17, in the case of John T. Beamen, charged with unmasonic conduct, be affirmed. Penalty, expulsion.

21. That the action of American George Lodge, No. 17, in the case of H. L. Bowden, charged with unmasonic conduct, be affirmed. Penalty, expulsion.

22. That the action of American George Lodge, No. 17, in the case of Wm. Edwards, charged with unmasonic conduct, be affirmed. Penalty, expulsion. The transcript in this case is irregular, but the offence being of such an evil character, the irregularity appearing is passed over.

23. That the case from Conoho Lodge, No. 131, be continued until the next regular Grand Communication, it being an appeal, and parties interested not being able to be present at this time. J. W. Ward appelant.

24. The case of W. K. Nunnery, from Carthage Lodge, No. 181, is improperly before the Grand Lodge, the punishment being definite suspension, and there being no appeal. The committee recommend to Carthage Lodge that mild treatment and the manifestation of brotherly love in such cases is always best.

Respectfully submitted,

R. B. VANCE,
L. J. MERRITT, } Com.
S. H. BELL,

The Committee on the Grand Treasurer's Accounts made a Report, which was received and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

We, the committee appointed to examine the Books and Accounts of the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge, beg leave to report, that our duty has been performed, and we are happy to say that we find the accounts of that officer correct, and that his books are kept in business-like form. We find that he has received nineteen hundred and ninety-three dollars and fifty cents; and that he has paid out eighteen hundred and ninety-eight dollars and fifty-eight cents, leaving balance in his hands of one hundred and eighty-two dollars and fifty-four cents.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

L. P. ERWIN,
T. M. COYLE, } Com.
T. B. FARRAR,

Bro. Geo. Riley, of William R. Davy Lodge, No. 37, appointed Henry H. Dent his proxy for the remainder of the session.

Bro. R. T. Hall, from Kilwinning Lodge, No. 64, obtained leave for the balance of the session, and appointed Bro. Vance his proxy, to cast the votes of said Lodge.

Bro. Wriston introduced the following Resolution, which was read and adopted, viz:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to revise section 34, article 4, of the by-laws, and report such alterations and amendments as they think proper.

Committee under the above Resolution consists of Brothers McCormic, Lucas and Strum.

Bro. J. C. Kirkman, of Rocky River Lodge, No. 159, appointed Bro. J. W. Hatch his proxy for the balance of the session.

Bro. L. S. Williams, Grand Master elect, offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted, viz:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to have the resolutions now appended to the by-laws, together with those passed at the sessions of 1855, '56, '57, '58 and '59 collected and printed in the proceedings of this Grand Communication.

The Committee under the above Resolution consists of H. C. Lucas and A. M. Campbell.

We subjoin the Report of the Committee and the accompanying papers, received since the close of the Grand Lodge:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The committee to whom was referred the compilation of resolutions now in force in the jurisdiction of North Carolina, in the discharge of the duty assigned them, have omitted such resolutions as are "without general application. Others, which are simply declaratory of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, and which embody no rule for the direction or government of subordinate lodges, have likewise been omitted."

H. C. LUCAS, }
A. M. CAMPBELL, } Com.

Resolution Adopted 21*st December, A. L.*, 5809.

1. That the Grand Master be requested to direct the Grand Secretary to lay before him all the communications received during the recess of the Grand Lodge, in due time, previous to the Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, so that the Grand Master may lay before this Grand Lodge such an abstract thereof as he may deem proper for its consideration.

Resolutions Adopted December, A. L., 5835.

1. That the Grand Lodge feel it a duty, which they owe to themselves, as well as the whole masonic fraternity, to declare, that while its individual members are left to the free, unmolested enjoyment of their sentiments, upon the various subjects connected with religion and politics, and the right to judge of men and their actions; they hereby, most solemnly declare, that masonic bodies

have not the right to connect the institution with the *sectarian* or *party* views of either; that any attempt thereat, is a gross innovation upon those principles, which among good and correct masons, are universally acknowledged, and should be practiced upon.

2. That the Grand Lodge, do at this time, as they have hitherto done, declare to the world, that the object of their association and motives for continuing therein are founded upon the principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. They disclaim the right of masons to inflict corporal punishments, and acknowledge no other right to enforce obedience from its members than reprimand, suspension and expulsion.

Resolutions Adopted December, A. L., 5837.

1. That from and after this time, the price of a dispersation, granted by this lodge or by the Grand Master, be five dollars, and that the price of a charter be ten dollars, and that the same be received by the Grand Secretary when he delivers over the dispensation or charter.

2. That the Grand Secretary be entitled to retain out of the monies received for every Dispensation or Charter hereafter granted by this Grand Lodge or by the Grand Master, one dollar, as his fee for filling up and making out the form; and that he pay the balance over to the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge.

3. That the price of a Diploma granted by this Grand Lodge, or by the officers thereof, shall be five dollars; and that the same shall accrue to, and be a part of the perquisites of the Grand Secretary.

4. That the Grand Secretary have Dispensations, Charters and Diplomas printed from time to time, as they may be needed, and that the cost of the same be paid out of the funds of the Grand Lodge.

Resolution Adopted December, A. L., 5838.

1. That from and after the first day of March next, the fees for the Entered Apprentice Degree shall be six dollars; for the Fellow Craft's four dollars; and for the Master's degree, ten dollars; which shall be the fees to be paid to the Subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, exclusive of the Tyler's fees.

Resolution Adopted December, A. L., 5839.

1. That from and after the adjournment of this Grand Lodge, it shall be discretionary with the several Subordinate Lodges in this State, to establish any ratio of fees they may think proper for conferring the several degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason; provided the same shall not be less than the rate fixed by the Grand Lodge at its last Annual Communication.

Resolution Adopted December, A. L., 5840.

1. That it shall from this time forth, be the duty of the Grand Treasurer, at each Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, to file with the Grand Secretary a statement of the amount of monies and other funds of the Grand Lodge in his hands, which statement the Grand Secretary shall file among his papers, and preserve for the use of the Grand Lodge.

Resolution Adopted December, A. L., 5844.

1. That from and after this communication, there shall annually be appointed a committee, consisting of two members, whose duty it shall be to examine the records of the Grand Lodge, and see that its proceedings have been faithfully recorded.

Resolutions Adopted December, A. L., 5846.

1. That a belief in the authenticity of the Holy Scripture, is essential to the faithful fulfilment of the duties required by the Order of Masonry in all chris-

tian countries, and that a denial of the same is in conflict with the principles of our institution, calling for reprobation.

2. That from and after this Grand Communication the Subordinate Lodges shall pay into the Grand Treasury as an annual stipend, the sum of fifteen dollars: *Provided*, That no lodge be required to pay more than one dollar for each of its members.

Resolutions Adopted December, A. L., 5847.

1. That hereafter, no individual shall act as proxy for more than one lodge at the same time in the sessions of this Grand Lodge, (amended in 1848, and extended to three lodges.)

2. That hereafter, the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be required to make their report at the meeting of the Grand Lodge next succeeding their appointment.

Resolution Adopted December, A. L., 5848.

1. That from and after this communication, the dues from Subordinate Lodges shall not under any circumstances be remitted.

Resolution Adopted December, A. L., 5849.

1. That the work of Brother L. L. Stephenson, be received as the work of the Craft in this State, and that the Subordinate Lodges conform thereto.

Resolutions Adopted December, A. L., 5850.

1. That the 2d section of the 8th article of the Constitution be amended so as to read as follows: "In the adoption of this Constitution, and all amendments hereafter made, and in the election of officers, and on all other matters in the Grand Lodge, (when demanded) the votes shall be taken according to the rights of the several lodges; and the members of the Grand Lodge, that is to say, every lodge present by its representation, shall be entitled to three votes, whether represented by one or more brethren; and every member of the Grand Lodge, otherwise entitled than by being a representative of a particular lodge, shall have one vote; provided, that this shall in no wise affect any rights of the Past Grand Officers. In cases of a tie, the brother in the chair shall have the casting vote.

2. That the M. W. Grand Master be requested to deliver his annual address on Monday evening of every annual communication.

Resolutions Adopted December, A. L., 5851.

1. That the M. W. Grand Master be requested to set apart one day at each Grand Communication, to lecture and exemplify the work; and that he call to his aid such brethren as he may think proper.

2. That the salary of the Grand Secretary be one hundred and fifty dollars per annum, besides his usual perquisites; and that he be required to employ an assistant during the session of the Grand Lodge, to be paid out of his salary. (Amended in 1854, and salary increased to two hundred dollars.)

3. That upon the death of any master mason, in good standing, and who is a member of any lodge under this jurisdiction, it shall be the duty of such subordinate lodge to furnish the widow or orphans of such deceased member, a certificate, under the seal of the lodge, of his membership, standing and death, without any application or charge therefor.

4. That any mason of good standing as a citizen, whose lodge has become dormant, upon satisfying any lodge in his immediate neighborhood, may be entitled to become a member of such lodge, by and with their consent, upon such terms as other masons are admitted.

5. That the masters of the subordinate lodges cause to be sent with their annual returns, the dates of their charters; and that they observe the form of returns adopted by the Grand Lodge, reporting in tabular form, the number

of initiations, passings and raisings, deaths, withdrawals, suspensions and expulsions, together with the names of resident masons not members, residing within the jurisdiction of each subordinate lodge, and in figures, the entire number of each.

6. That the M. W. Grand Master be requested to appoint the masters of all the subordinate lodges in the State agents to solicit and collect funds for St. John's College, and that they not only solicit funds from their respective lodges, but all masons residing in their jurisdiction; and that they pay over any funds they may collect to the treasurer of the board of trustees, and that said agents report to each Grand Communication. (Amended in 1854, so that the masters of lodges are not required to make returns as agents of St. John's College, unless they have some collections or subscriptions to report.)

Resolutions Adopted December, A. L., 5852.

1. That the delegates to the Grand Lodge be requested to state, on their returns, the location, county and town or place, and also the time of holding their regular meetings; and that the subordinate lodges be required to do the same in all future returns.

2. That the Grand Secretary be directed to have printed blank forms of returns of the subordinate lodges, before the annual meeting of each Grand Lodge, and distribute the same amongst the subordinate lodges.

3. That the resolution adopted in 1850, relative to balloting for degrees, be re-adopted. (The following is the resolution of 1850:)

Resolved, That, upon balloting upon a petition, the applicant is balloted for to be a master mason. It is however, proper, if a brother shall desire it, to demand a second ballot upon his application for passing and raising.

4. That we believe it to be inconsistent with the principles of Ancient Free Masonry, for any lodge to hold its regular, or any other meeting, on the Holy Sabbath, for the purpose of initiating, passing or raising a candidate, or any other business, except on funeral occasions, or cases of charity.

5. That the 5th section, article 4th, of the by-laws of this Grand Lodge be amended, by inserting the words *non-affiliated* before the word *mason*, in the second line, and striking out the word *other* before the word *mason* in the same line.

6. That the Committee on Foreign Correspondence furnish the Grand Secretary with a copy of their report at least one week before the meeting of each annual Grand Communication.

7. That the Grand Secretary furnish said Committee with all matter as soon as it comes to hand; and that he have 400 copies of the annual report printed for the use of the members.

8. That the Board of Trustees of St. John's College be, and they are hereby required, to make an annual report of all their acts and doings to this Grand Lodge. That the President and Treasurer of St. John's College be requested, and are hereby required, to attend the annual communications of this Grand Lodge.

9. That this Grand Lodge recognizes the authority of the different Grand Lodges in the United States, over the jurisdiction claimed by them, and do not recognize the authority of any other body whatever claiming jurisdiction, which interferes or conflicts with the jurisdiction of said Grand Lodges.

10. That Lodges constituted by any other body are not entitled to be recognized as legally constituted, and the members of such lodges, and those initiated therein, are not lawful brothers, nor entitled to visit and communicate with the Grand Lodge and its constituent lodges.

11. That the practice of publishing the names of rejected applicants for masonic honors, be discontinued by this Grand Lodge.

12. That an expulsion from an Encampment does not affect the standing of the individual in any Blue Lodge to which he may belong.

13. That the officers of this Grand Lodge, the Past Grand Officers, and Trustees of St. John's College, are requested to solicit donations, receive monies, and pay over the same to the Treasurer of St. John's College.

14. That whereas, many have asked and obtained leave of absence during the present communication of this Grand Lodge, no one be permitted, after having taken his seat as a representative of a subordinate lodge, to have leave of absence before all business be transacted, unless in very great emergencies, to be judged of by the M. W. Grand Master.

Resolutions Adopted December, A. L., 5853.

1. That the Grand Secretary notify each subordinate lodge that section 7th of article 3d, and section 17th of article 4th of the by-laws of the Grand Lodge, will hereafter be strictly enforced.

2. That the following additional standing committee be added to those to be appointed by the Grand Master at each session of the Grand Lodge, as an amendment to section 4th of article 5th of the by-laws, viz: "5. A committee on schools under the management of subordinate lodges."

3. That the M. W. Grand Master appoint one well-informed Grand Lecturer for the State at large.

4. That the Grand Lecturer be ex-officio a member of this Grand Lodge, and that he be authorized to call together the subordinate lodges in the name of the Grand Lodge, at their respective lodges, in order to lecture and exemplify the work.

5. That the Worshipful Master of each subordinate lodge be required to read, or cause to be read, before his lodge, the annual proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

6. That the representatives from subordinate lodges bringing up proceedings in cases of suspensions and expulsions, be required to place them directly in the hands of the appropriate committee.

Resolutions Adopted December, A. L., 5854.

1. That hereafter no proxy shall make another proxy unless the power to do so shall be expressly given by his principal.

2. That all lodges hereafter chartered shall be numbered according to the date of their charters, and that in future, numbers rendered blank by the death of lodges shall not be filled.

3. That the Grand Treasurer be required to tender to the Grand Officers of every Grand Communication all of their expenses incurred in attending said communication.

Resolutions Adopted December, A. L., 5855.

1. That the Grand Lodge recommnend to the subordinate lodges, to protect themselves from the intrusion of non-affiliated masons, by imposing some amount for them to pay—which amount shall be discretionary with each lodge; provided, no lodge imposes a sum greater than the annual fee.

2. That hereafter the election for Grand Officers shall take place on the second day of the annual communication of this Grand Lodge.

Resolutions Adopted December, A. L., 5856.

1. That the State be divided into three districts, the Eastern, Central and Western, as follows: The Eastern District to comprise the counties of Currituck, Camden, Pasquotank, Gates, Perquimans, Hertford, Bertie, Chowan, Washington, Tyrrell, Hyde, Beaufort, Craven, Carteret, Northampton, Halifax, Martin, Pitt, Jones, Onslow, Lenoir, Green, Edgecombe, New Hanover, Duplin, Wayne, Brunswick, Nash, Warren, and Franklin. The Central District to comprise the counties of Sampson, Columbus, Robeson, Cumberland, Moore, Richmond, Wake, Chatham, Orange, Granville, Person, Alamance, Wilson, Johnston, Harnett, Person, and Caswell. The Western Dis-

trict to comprise the counties of Cherokee, Macon, Jackson, Haywood, Henderson, Buncombe, Madison, Rutherford, Burke, McDowell, Yancey, Watauga, Wilkes, Caldwell, Alexander, Catawba, Cleveland, Lincoln, Gaston, Surry, Yadkin, Iredell, Rockingham, Stokes, Davie, Davidson, Rowan, Cabarrus, Union, Stanly, Anson, Montgomery, Randolph, Guilford, Rockingham and Forsythe.

2. That the Grand Master shall appointed three Grand Lecturers for the above districts, who shall assemble at some convenient place as soon as practicable after the close of this communication, for the purpose of consulting with each other, and securing entire uniformity in their instructions throughout the State.

3. That it shall be incumbent upon each Grand Lecturer to visit once a year each subordinate lodge within his jurisdiction, as shall desire his services, for the purpose of giving instruction in the work.

4. That each Grand Lecturer so visiting and instructing any subordinate lodge, shall have the power to arrange with said lodge such terms for his services as they may see fit.

5. That at each Annual Communication, in addition to the present standing committees, the Grand Master shall appoint one styled "A Committee on Jurisprudence," to whom shall be referred all questions of masonic law and usage, that may be propounded by the representatives of the several subordinate lodges; and that the report of the committee, if concurred in by the Grand Master, and adopted by the Grand Lodge, shall be spread upon the minutes as the recognized law in this jurisdiction, of all questions therein decided.

6. That the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of North Carolina appoint a Deputy Grand Master for each District of the State, whose duty it shall be to have a general supervision over the subordinate lodges in his district, and to make an annual report of his action to the Grand Master. That he shall meet the Grand Lecturer appointed by the Grand Lodge for his district, at such place and time as they may agree upon, as soon after each session of the Grand Lodge as may be practicable, and before said lecturer shall proceed to the discharge of his duties, in order to consult together upon the work, &c. And that he call together the masters of the several lodges in his district, at some convenient time and place, at least once in the year, and that the Grand Lecturer for the district be required to attend said meeting, and then and there to consult together upon the work. And that all differences of opinion as to particular portions of the work be referred to the Grand Master, the several Deputy Grand Masters and the Grand Lecturers, at the meetings of the Grand Lodge.

7. That each Deputy Grand Master be required to lay before the committee on masonic jurisprudence all questions of masonic law which may arise in his district. And in addition to the above, that the Grand Master issue a commission to said Deputy Grand Masters, assigning to them such powers and duties as he may see fit.

Resolutions Adopted December, A. L., 5857..

1. That this Grand Lodge considers the words "due proficiency" used in article 4, section 10 of the by-laws, to mean such an acquaintance with the work, lectures, signs, passwords and grips, as would enable the candidate to work his way into any lodge where he might not be known as a mason.

2. That this Grand Lodge defray all the necessary expenses of the Grand Master, incurred while engaged in the business of the Grand Lodge.

3. That from and after the adoption of this resolution, it is hereby required of the Secretary of all Subordinate Lodges within this State, to attach the seal of their lodge to all communications sent from their lodge to other lodges.

4. That when an appeal is taken from the decision of any Subordinate Lodge in masonic trials, and the decision of the lodge below is disaffirmed by reason of any technical irregularity or uniformity in their proceedings, (without reference to the merits of the cause) the same shall be certified to the lodge below, and a new trial shall be had.

Whereas, It is expedient that the chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence shall be in attendance on the Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge; be it

Resolved, That his expenses be defrayed, as in the case of the three highest officers in the Grand Lodge, and that this resolution apply to the chairman who has reported this year.

Resolutions Adopted December, A. L., 5858.

1. That the report of the Historical Committee be received, and that it be referred back to the said committee with the addition of five other brethren, and that three of said committee be a quorum to transact the duties of said committee.

2. That hereafter, upon the granting of a new charter to any new lodge, the Grand Lodge shall furnish said lodge with a seal and number of said lodge, at the expense of the new lodge.

3. That the resolution passed at the communication of the Grand Lodge of 1856, dividing the State into three districts be so amended that the Most Worshipful Grand Master appoint a District Deputy Grand Master in each Judicial Circuit in the State.

4. That we deem it of great importance to secure regularity and neatness in communications; that each subordinate lodge in this jurisdiction be supplied with a seal, and that it is surely to be deprecated that this matter has not been attended to.

5. That chartered lodges be urged, at once, to remedy this defect, and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to aid such lodges in procuring seals forthwith.

6. That the 8th Section of the 3rd Article of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge be so amended as to read thus: "Every Dispensation granted must be returned to the Grand Lodge at its ensuing session, together with a copy of the by-laws of the new lodge, and attested transcript of its proceedings, a list of officers and members;" a fee of ten dollars for a charter, also, a sufficient sum to procure such a seal as said lodge may desire, for which a charter and seal shall be granted if so ordered by this Grand Lodge.

7. That it be, and is hereby made obligatory upon brethren accepting the appointment of Grand Lecturer, to meet the Grand Master at an early day, and confer with him as to the work of the Grand Lodge.

8. That the opinion of our M. W. Grand Master, in the appeal from St. John's Lodge, No. 1, be received by this Grand Lodge, confirmed, and spread on the minutes, and that it also be incorporated in the by-laws for the government of subordinate lodges.

9. That hereafter at each Grand Communication of this Grand Lodge, that at each day of the meeting of the lodge, the Secretary shall call the roll of delegates, so as to ascertain the number and names of those in attendance as well as the absentees of the delegates from the respective lodges, and that the absentees be recorded by the Grand Secretary.

10. That the Grand Secretary be required to have the proceedings of the Grand Lodge published and transmitted to the several subordinate lodges within two months from the closing of the Grand Lodge, and sum up at the end of the proceedings, in a summary form, the number of affiliating and non-affiliating masons, and the number of working lodges in the State.

NOTE.—The resolutions of 1859 will be easily seen by reference to the proceedings of this communication.

Bro. Benjamin F. Cobb, of Mt. Olive Lodge, No. 208, obtained leave of absence.

Bro. Lucas, of the committee on the case of trespass, Marion District, S. C., made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The committee to whom was referred the "case of trespass on the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge by a subordinate lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina," have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to make the following report: The facts of the case, as the committee have heard them, from sources which they believe are entitled to full credit, are these: A Mr. Fox, in the employment of the Wilmington and Manchester Railroad Company, but living in the city of Wilmington, applied to St. John's Lodge, No. 1, located in said city, for admission into our Order. His petition was rejected, and we learn that in a short time thereafter, (say not exceeding five weeks,) he was admitted, and the degrees of Entered A. and F. C., and probably M. M., were conferred by a lodge in Marion District, in the State of South Carolina.

While we do not so firmly insist upon the first cause of complaint against a lodge not under our jurisdiction in thus receiving a person who had been rejected, in so short a time thereafter, though certainly a just cause therefor, yet we most respectfully and decidedly protest against the action of the lodge spoken of, in trespassing upon our rights, in the invasion of and disregard to the sanctity of the limits of our jurisdiction and care.

Knowing and fully appreciating the high sense of justice which has always distinguished our sister Grand Lodge of South Carolina, and the zeal and watchfulness, with which they maintain and guard their own rights, we have all confidence, that it is only necessary to call their attention to this matter that it may be at once rectified. We therefore recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary send a copy of this report and resolution to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, with a request that he bring the same before his Grand Body.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. LUCAS,
O. L. FILYAW, } Com.
M. L. WRISTON,

Called off until this evening, 7 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 7 o'clock,
December 7th, 1859.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

The Grand Officers and Representatives in their seats.

Leave of absence was granted E. A. Gupton, of Sandy Creek Lodge, No. 185, and Ellis Malone, of Clinton Lodge, No. 124.

Bro. R. B. Vance delivered an address before the Grand Lodge in behalf of John's College.

Bro. O. L. Filyaw offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That the committee on St. John's College be instructed to hold a conference on to-morrow with the officers of the Bank of North Carolina, to ascertain if it be possible for the Grand Lodge to borrow, for a term of years, and the best terms possible, and report to the lodge as early as possible.

Bro. H. C. Lucas offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge are due and hereby tendered to Bro. R. B. Vance, for the able and fervent address delivered by him this evening before the Grand Lodge in behalf of St. John's College.

Bro. P. A. Holt submitted the annexed resolutions, which were read and adopted:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge the precedent recently adopted by some of our sister Grand Lodges, appointing a representative to attend the Annual Communications of other Grand Bodies, meets our decided commendation; that such an interchange of fraternal courtesies, is eminently calculated to maintain and promote reciprocal regard, and harmonious feeling, prominent characteristics which should ever exist between sister Grand Bodies.

Resolved, That the Grand Master be authorized to appoint a representative of this Grand Lodge, near the Grand Lodge of any other jurisdiction of this Union, who may indicate a willingness to reciprocate the courtesy.

Bro. J. R. Jeffreys, of Rolesville Lodge, No. 156, left Bro. C. W. D. Hutchings his proxy for the balance of the session.

Bro. Hawes appointed Bro. Bell his proxy for St. Paul's Lodge, No. 166.

Called off until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock,
December 8th, 1859.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

The Officers and representatives in their seats.

The names of the delegates were called and the following were found absent: W. Murdoch, J. M. Cox, W. T. Kornegay, D. H. Stephenson, R. W. Cummings, L. A. Paschal, S. D. Beavers, E. Malone, W. H. Hood, M. Whitley, F. G. Foster,

J. Robt. Jeffreys, J. W. Robertson, B. C. Richardson, J. R. Hawes, W. C. Mason, J. J. Cheatham, S. G. Worth, W. L. Tyer and B. W. Spelman.

The Committee on Claims against the Grand Lodge made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The committee to whom was referred the Claims and Accounts against the Grand Lodge, have examined the following accounts and find them correct, and recommend the payment of the same:

A. M. Gorman, printing blanks and advertising Annual Communication two years,	$30 50
Holden & Wilson, for advertising Annual Communication,	4 00
Jno. W. Syme, " " "	3 25
R. H. Whitaker, " " "	2 25
W. J. Lougee, for stove-pipe and repairs to stove,	7 87
N. S. Harp, for wood,	3 50
	$51 37

All of which is respectfully submitted,

M. L. WRISTON,
E. W. WARD, } Com.
J. W. A. KERR,

Bro. A. Thomas appointed Bro. Wm. M. Sloan his proxy for Central Cross Lodge, No. 187.

The Committee appointed to consider the subject of amending the 34th Section of the 4th Article of the By-Laws made their report as follows, which was received, and the consideration of the resolution embraced therein was indefinitely postponed:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The committee to whom was referred the 34th Section of Article 4th of the By-Laws, and to report such alterations and amendments as they think proper, respectfully submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the 34th Section of Article 4th of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge read as follows: "Whenever a lodge shall suspend or expel a brother, notice of the same shall be immediately transmitted to the subordinate lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and to the Grand Secretary: *Provided*, That the expelled or suspended party, (as the case may be) by the next regular meeting, or in one month, appeals from the decision of the lodge to the Grand Lodge, *then* no notices shall be sent to the subordinate lodges until after the final action of the Grand Lodge in the case. The charges and proceedings in the case shall, indispensably, be sent up to the ensuing Grand Lodge for final action."

Respectfully submitted,

J. McCORMICK,
H. C. LUCAS, } Com.
J. H. STRUM,

Bro. O. L. Filyaw introduced the following resolution, which was received and adopted:

Resolved, That the Tyler of this Grand Lodge, for the ensuing year, be a citizen of Raleigh, and in addition to his regular duties as Tyler, he be instructed to have cleaned the lamp, chandelier, candlestick, and all other articles belonging to the Grand Lodge, not in use, and sell them to the best advantage, and pay the same to the Grand Secretary, who shall receipt for the same, after paying 5 per cent. to the Tyler for his services.

The Committee on Expulsions and Suspensions made the following supplemental report, which was received and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The committee on Expulsions and Suspensions beg to make the following supplemental report, to-wit: That they have handed over to the committee on Propositions and Grievances a petition from Carthage Lodge, for a new trial in the case of Devotion Davis, upon which your committee reported to the Grand Lodge previous to the coming of the petition into their hands, and the only action that can now be taken is through the aid of the other committee, should they deem any action proper; and further, that since their former report the case of Thomas Pemberton, from Blackmer Lodge, No. 127, has been considered and is found regular, and your committee recommend that the action of the subordinate lodge be affirmed.

It is proper to state that this report is made without the aid, but with the sanction of the chairman of your committee, Bro. R. B. Vance.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

L. J. MERRITT, } Com.
S. H. BELL, }

Bro. P. A. Holt introduced the following resolution, which was received and adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to the officers of those Railroad Companies who, in their liberality, have granted to the delegates to this communication return tickets over their respective roads.

Bro. S. E. Milburn, Grand Lecturer for the Middle or Central District, made his report, which was received and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

At the close of this masonic year it becomes my duty to make a report as Grand Lecturer for the Central District. I have instructed the following lodges, viz: Joseph Warren Lodge, No. 92; Fair Bluff Lodge, No. 190; Centre Grove Lodge, No. 183. I also organized and established a lodge at Whitesville to be known as Lebanon Lodge. All of the above named lodges I left in a prosperous condition. The brethren manifested great desire for more light, and I am happy to say that I left many of them well skilled in the work and lectures. I also visited Eagle Lodge, at Hillsboro,' and found the brethren anxious to be instructed in the true work and lectures of the Grand Lodge, but upon hearing their work I found several of their officers in possession of the work and lectures, almost word for word as I teach it, and therefore, not in need of my services. The brethren of all those lodges seemed to live and act as brethren should ever live and act—in peace and harmony. They manifested much zeal in the great masonic cause, and the recollection of their kindness and fraternal regard to me during my sojourn among them, I shall ever cherish with feelings of the deepest gratitude.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

S. E. MILBURN, *G. L.*

Bro. J. F. Howlett introduced the following resolution, which was received and adopted:

Resolved, That it shall be the imperative duty of the D. D. G. Masters to submit to the Grand Lodge, at its annual session, a written report, setting forth fully, all the duties performed by them during their term of office, and the condition of the subordinate lodges in their respective districts; and that the M. W. G. M. be requested to embody this requirement in their commissions.

Bro. E. F. Watson introduced the following resolution, which was received and adopted, and the following brethren were appointed a committee, to-wit: E. F. Watson, J. F. Speight, and R. J. Mitchell:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to wait on the President and Directors of the N. C. Railroad, and the other railroads in the State, for the purpose of getting an order made by said President and Directors, that the Delegates and Officers of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina be permitted to pass on their respective roads for one fare.

Bro. J. P. Edmondson obtained leave of absence.

Called off until this evening 3 o'clock.

THURSDAY EVENING, 3 o'clock,
December 8th, 1859.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

The Grand Officers and Representatives as this morning.

Bros. R. B. Vance and R. V. Blackstock, appointed J. McCormick proxy for their respective lodges.

Bro. J. W. Kerr obtained leave of absence.

The Committee on Propositions and Grievances reported, which was received and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Committee on Propositions and Grievances, to whom was referred various matters, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to submit the following report: The petition of P. P. Ballard and G. M. Ballard, who were expelled from Blackmer Lodge, No. 127, in the year 1858, praying to be restored to the rights and privileges of masons, in an "unaffiliated position." As this case was passed upon by a committee at your last annual communication, your committee beg leave to refer to the circumstances of the case. The charge was for unmasonic conduct towards James M. Lilly, a mason, for aiding and assisting D. B. Allen in abducting and marrying the daughter of the said Lilly, against his will and consent. From the testimony before us, it appears that all the parties connected with the transaction were master masons, in good standing. We know of no law which prevents one master mason in good standing, from marrying the daughter of a brother master mason. It seems from

the testimony, that no action was ever taken against Bro. Allen, the principal in the transaction, but only against those who aided and abetted. It is a well settled point in law, that the principal must be first convicted before his aiders and abettors can be held to answer for the charge. If, therefore, Bro. Allen has been guilty of no masonic offence, we think very clearly, the petitioners (who were only aiders and abettors) can be guilty of none. Independent, however, of all this, if they have been guilty of any offence towards Bro. Lilly, they say they acted ignorantly in the matter, and express deep sorrow and contrition for any wrong they may have done, and ask to be forgiven. Acting then, upon an injunction of our Divine Master, we would recommend that they be forgiven, and restored, according to the prayer of their petition.

The petition of Emmaus Lodge, No. 161, asking permission to change the name of said Lodge from Emmaus to Rock Rest, we recommend should pass. We would say, however, that this paper (together with some others) of itself, has very little the appearance of authenticity, as there is no seal of the lodge attached to it. We would recommend that where lodges will not obtain seals for themselves, that the Grand Secretary procure the same for them, and if they will not then pay the account, that action be taken against them.

In the case of Bro. John Ireland, late a member of Shallow Ford Lodge, No. 169, we are of the opinion: 1st. That Bro. Ireland took possession of the property of Shallow Ford Lodge, and refused to give up the same, when claimed on behalf of the Grand Lodge. 2d. That such act and refusal is a violation of the 19th section of article 4 of the Grand Lodge regulations. 3d. That he, Bro. John Ireland, persisted in such refusal when a requisition was made under the hand of the Grand Master, and that he is liable thereby to the consequences of the said act of refusal. 4th. That he, John Ireland, has been guilty of the refusal or neglect to obey a summon, served upon him under the hand of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, and attested by the seal of this Grand Lodge, to appear before this body at its present communication. We would, therefore, recommend that he, the said John Ireland, be expelled from all the rights and benefits of masonry, and that the Grand Secretary cause the same to be published.

In the case of the expulsion of Devotion Davis, from Carthage Lodge, No. 181, it appears that he, the said Davis, never had any notice of his trial, as appears from a certificate from the secretary of said lodge, (without a seal of the lodge.) We would recommend that the said Devotion Davis be granted a new trial; and further, that the brethren of Carthage Lodge, in the next trial, conform to the customs and established usages of the order.

The letter of inquiry of Bro. Thomas Palmer, Worshipful Master of Widow's Son Lodge, No. 75, in which several questions of masonic usage are asked, and which has been referred to us by your body, we would beg leave to say that we refer Bro. Palmer for an answer to his first question, to section 24 of article 4 of the by-laws of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina; and for an answer to his second, third and fourth questions, we would refer the brother to the 20th section of article 4 of the said by-laws.

Your committee having discharged the various duties assigned them, and having passed upon all matters of dispute referred to them, beg leave to be discharged. Before closing, however, we would recommend, not only to the brothers who have had their grievances before us, but to all the fraternity, that in order to keep down all such matters of dispute which create discord, dissension and strife amongst the craft, we would earnestly recommend to them a more frequent use of the trowel, that we may

all "be united into a band of brothers and friends among whom no contention should ever exist, but that noble contention, or rather emulation, of who can best work and who can best agree."

All of which is most respectfully submitted,

A. W. BURTON,
GEO. B. ALLEN, } Com.
J. B. LASSITER,

The report of the Special Committee on the case of Bros. Moore and Stone, from Franklinton Lodge, No. 123, was received and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The special committee to whom was referred for consideration the papers in the case of brothers James J. Moore and J. M. Stone, coming up from Franklinton Lodge, No. 123, have carefully examined the same, and from the informality and irregularities of the proceedings, &c., recommend that the whole case be referred back to Franklinton Lodge, together with the decision of the Grand Master in regard to said case, marked "A," and that their attention be particularly called to the code of rules and regulations for conducting masonic trials. And that they, (as far as Franklinton Lodge is concerned) make a final disposition of the above case, according to the decision and the rules and regulations already referred to, and report the same to the Grand Lodge at its next annual Grand Communication.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. W. BURTON,
E. W. WARD, } Com.
WM. G. HILL,

Bro. J. M. Cox appointed Bro. Littlejohn his proxy for Perquimans Lodge, No. 106.

On motion, the Grand Officers elect were duly intalled by Past Grand Master, P. A. Holt, viz:

LEWIS S. WILLIAMS,	of Charlotte,	Grand	Master.
E. W. WARD,	of Jacksonsville,	Dep. "	Master,
H. C. LUCAS,	of Fayetteville,	"	Sen. Warden.
E. F. WATSON,	of Alamance,	"	Jun. Warden.
C. W. D. HUTCHINGS,	of Raleigh,	"	Treasurer.
WM. T. BAIN,	of "	"	Secretary.

The M. W. G. M. then appointed the following officers, who were duly installed:

Rev. JNO. F. SPEIGHT,	Grand Chaplain,
JAS. M. WYNNS,	" Senior Deacon,
R. T. HALL,	" Junior "
M. L. WRISTON,	" Marshal,
R. W. BEST,	" Sword Bearer,
ELLIS MALONE,	" Pursuivant,
B. F. BENTON,	" Tyler.

The folllowing appointments were made, viz:

Grand Lecturer at Large—J. H. STRUM, Oxford.

D. D. G. L.—R. B. VANCE,	Western District,	Asheville.
" S. E. MILBURN,	Middle "	Greenville.
" CALVIN COX,	Eastern "	Hamilton.

D. D. G. M.—1st Dist.,		J. M. COX,	Hertford.
"	2d "	JAS. M. BLOUNT,	Bear Swamp.
"	3d "	D. H. STEPHENSON,	Holly Springs.
"	4th "	J. F. HOWLETT,	Greensboro'.
"	5th "	J. MCCORMICK,	Harrington's.
"	6th "	DANIEL COLEMAN,	Concord.
"	7th "	A. W. BURTON,	Shelby.

Bros. P. A. Holt, L. S. Bingham and Thos. Webb were appointed a Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Bros. C. W. D. Hutchings, Wm. G. Hill and Wm. T. Bain were appointed the Printing and Publishing Committee.

Bro. S. B. Killett introduced the following resolution, which was received and adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be required in the future to have printed the following heads on the returns of subordinate lodges, to-wit: 1. The Officers. 2. Members. 3. Entered Apprentiees and Fellow Crafts. 4. Resident Masons not Members. 5. Resident Masons excluded for non-payment of dues.

The Committee on Returns and Communications from Subordinate Lodges made their report, which was adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Committee on Returns from Subordinate Lodges beg leave to submit the following Report; that they have examined the returns of the following lodges, and find them correct:

Dan River, No. 129; Conoho, No. 131; Buffalo, No. 172; William R. Davie, No. 37; Cane Creek, No. 142; Knap of Reeds, No. 158; Townsville, No. 182; Rocky River, No. 159; St. John's, No. 110; Granite, No. 191; Delk, No. 171; Radianee, No. 132; White Stone, 155; Mt. Pleasant, No. 157; Charity, No. 5; Greensboro', No. 76; St. John's, No. 96; Wake Forest, No. 97; Hiram, No. 98; Joseph Warren, No. 92; Jerusalem, No. 95; Tuscarora, No. 122; Holly Springs, No. 115; Belmont, No. 108; Franklinton, No. 123; Clinton, No. 124; Pine Forest, No. 186; Perseverance, No. 159; High Point, No. 199; Eagle Rock, No. 201; Cleaveland, No. 202; American George, No. 17; Central Cross, No. 187; Carolina, No. 141; King Solomon, No. 138; Archer, No. 165; Person, No. 113; Fellowship, No. 84; Phalanx, No. 31; Fulton, No. 99; Mt. Hermon, No. 118; Stokes, No. 32; Palmyra, No. 147; Morning Star, No. 85; Zion, No. 81; Blackmer, No. 170; Carthage, No. 181; Mt. Moriah, No. 82.

The returns from the following lodges are correct, except the signature of the secretary and seal, which are wanting: King Solomon, No. 56;

Caldwell, No. 180; Falkland, No. 196; Taylor, No. 144; Enfield, No. 88; Widow's Son, No. 75; Sunsbury, No. 127; Emmaus, No. 161; Lafayette, No. 179.

The returns from the following lodges are deficient for want of secretary's signature: Winston, No. 167; Cape Fear, No. 194; Perquimans, No. 106; Sharon, No. 78; Logan, No. 121; Centre Grove, No. 183; Fair Bluff, No. 190.

The returns of the following lodges are correct, except the date of their charters, which are wanting: St. John's, No. 1; Mt. Lebanon, No. 117; Concord, No. 58; Wayne, No. 112; Blackmer, No. 127; Adoniram, No. 149; Rolesville, No. 156; Mill Creek, No. 125; Alamance, No. 123.

The returns from the following lodges are deficient, for the want of date of charter and seal: Unanimity, No. 7; Jordan, No. 184; Balfour, No. 188; St. Paul's, No. 166.

The returns from the following lodges are correct, except the want of seals: Siloam, No. 178; Pleasant Hill, No. 168; Solomon, No. —; Beaumont, No. 160; Chalmers, No. 151; Warren, No. 101; Columbus, No. 102; Clinton, No. 107; Sandy Creek, No. 185; George Washington, No. 174; Mt. Energy, No. 140; Union, No. 173; Mt. Vernon, No. 143; Lafayette, No. 83; Mecklenburg, No. 176; Pee Dee, No. 150; Pollocksville, No. 175; Burnsville, No. 192; Kilwinning, No. 64; Western Star, No. 91.

The returns of the following lodges are deficient, for the want of date of charter and signature of secretary: Mocksville, No. 134; Pasquotank, No. 103.

The returns of the following lodges are deficient, for the want of date of charter, seal, and signature of secretary: Eagle, No. 71; Hiram, No. 40; Black Rock, No. 135.

We have been thus explicit in pointing out the defects in returns in order that the lodges may know in what particular their returns were deficient, and avoid them in future.

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. STRUM, *Chairman.*

Other returns have been made since the close of the late communication of the Grand Lodge, which will appear under the head of "Returns from Subordinate Lodges."

Called off until 7 o'clock this evening.

THURSDAY EVENING, 7 o'clock,
December 8th, 1859.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

The Grand Officers and Delegates in their seats.

Bro. J. Q. Smith of Fair Bluff Lodge, No. 190, appointed Bro. S. E. Milburn, his proxy for his Lodge, and Bro. W. T. Jennings appointed Bro. Milburn his proxy for Lebanon Lodge, No. 207.

Bro. Pope had leave of absence.

The delegates from Knap of Reeds Lodge, No. 158, had leave of absence.

Bro. R. Barefoot appointed Bro. Stuart his proxy for his Lodge.

Bro. P. A. Holt was appointed proxy for American George Lodge, No. 17.

Bro. H. C. Lucas submitted the following resolution, which was adopted, and Bros. A. Martin, R. G. Rankin, and P. W. Fanning were appointed that committee:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the M. W. Grand Master, whose duty it shall be to prepare a "Ceremony of Installation" for the use of this Grand Lodge, and also forms for dispensations generally needed by the M. W. Grand Master; that they prepare the same, and have fifty copies printed, and as many bound as they may see proper, and presented to this Grand Lodge at its next Annual Communication.

In the absence of the State Grand Lecturer, Bro. Dunkley being present, was requested to exemplify the work of the Master Degree, when that degree was taken up and duly exemplified.

Bro. J. A. Bailey, of Person Lodge, No. 113, appointed Bro. J. McCormick his proxy for said Lodge.

Bro. A. W. Burton submitted the following resolution, which was read and adopted, and Bros. Burton and P. A. Holt associated with the Grand Master:

Resolved, That a committee of three shall be constituted by this Grand Lodge, of which the Grand Master shall be the chairman, to draft a Charter, and have the same printed, and also to procure Diplomas for Master Masons, and that the committee shall convene whenever the Grand Master shall order the same.

The report of the Committee on St. John's College was received and ordered to be spread upon the minutes:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

Your Committee to whom was referred the investigation of the financial condition, and all matters of special importance in connection with St. John's College, would respectfully submit the following report: Acting under your instructions, we have endeavored as far as possible, to minutely examine all the varied receipts and disbursements, as well in the purchase of location and erection of college buildings, &c. We confess, at first when we saw the extensive and heterogeneous mass of manuscript from which we would be forced to cull a satisfactory synopsis of the operations of her different treasurers and agents, we were almost appalled at the magnitude of the task. However, after diligent investigation, we have succeeded in preparing a general

summary, which we hope will realize your expectations, by affording a practical view of your college, the amount collected and expended, as well as its present liabilities, for the payment of which it is necessary some provision should be made at this communication of your Grand Body. From the reports and vouchers of the various committees, treasurers and agents, we have condensed the following tabular statement of receipts and disbursements, to-wit:

Amount paid into the hands of	R. P. Taylor, up to May, 1853,	$ 2,048 74
" "	Z. M. Paschall, May, 1858,	17,627 56
" "	R. J. Mitchell, Dec. 1859,	2,844 33
	Retained by Agents for services,	1,077 20
Total amount collections from all sources,		$23,597 83

During the same period we find the following disbursements, viz:

Paid out by	R. P. Taylor, to May, 1853,	$ 2,079 74
"	Z. M. Paschall, to May, 1858,	17,598 55
"	R. J. Mitchell, to December, 1859,	2,829 18
	Retained by Agents for services,	1,077 20
Aggregate amount of disbursements,		$23,584 67

Which deducted from sums collected, leaves a remainder of $13 16, to which add overpayment by first treasurer of $31, and you have the sum of $44 16 remaining in the hands of the present treasurer, which corresponds with the amount as exhibited in his present report.

After careful investigation of all the outstanding liabilities held by sundry parties against the Trustees of St. John's College, we find them to be as follows:

Due Capt. John Berry, principal and interest,	$6,419 73
Due Allen & Co., " "	3,388 57
Due Jos. S. Jones, " "	620 79
Due Secretary Board, services rendered,	250 00
Amounting in the aggregate to	$10,679 09

To meet this debt of $10,679 09, we find the following available means;

Cash in the hands of Treasurer,	$ 44 16
Cash received since Treasurer's report,	331 00
Annual dues paid and to be paid in advance by subordinate lodges,	1,005 00
Western Star Lodge, per donation,	150 00
High Point, " "	50 00
Lincoln, " "	50 00
King Solomon, " "	26 00
Lafayette, " "	35 00
Hiram, No. 40, " "	200 00
Cleaveland, No. 202, " "	37 00
Mount Herman, " "	50 00
Mount Pleasant, " "	50 00
Adoniram, " "	50 00
Greensboro', " "	50 00
J. Q. Smith, " "	50 00
J. R. Jeffreys, " "	50 00
H. C. Lucas, and others, " "	7 25
Alex. Dickson, " "	5 00
Good bonds on sundry individuals now due and becoming due,	1974 91
Amounting in the aggregate to	$4214 91

This amount is considered perfectly reliable, though probably all of it is not immediately available.

Deducting the $4,214 91 from the outstanding liabilities of $10,679 09, and we have the exact indebtedness of St. John's College at the present time to be $6,464 18. This sum will still remain after we shall have applied all our present available resources, and is a debt, for the satisfactory payment of which, it is imperatively important that this Grand Lodge shall provide at its present communication. In addition, however, to the means we have specified, we find sundry notes, the obligors of which, nothing positive is known, though we hope many of them are solvent, and that ultimately we shall be able to realize nearly the entire sum. These notes amount to $1,016. On them, however, we have not relied in the present exhibit, except to meet a few small claims against St. John's College for repairs, &c., which are unimportant in amount, but the precise sum we are unable definitely to ascertain.

Your committee would further urge upon your Grand Body the indispensable necessity of devising some prompt method of discharging its liabilities, and disencumber your College from its present incubus of debt. The sum to be provided for is no longer vague and indefinite but tangible and real. Further delay is impossible. The debt has been contracted for a fair equivalent and it must be paid. The creditors have already exercised unusual forbearance, and we should no longer tax their generosity. The entire outstanding liability is small, compared with the value of the property which by its payment will be free and untrammelled, and in the exclusive right of this Grand Lodge. We would, therefore, recommend that a loan be negotiated, on the most favorable terms, either from bank or private individuals, for the entire amount of the out-standing debt, and that ways and means be devised to meet its regular instalments. From a conference with the officers of the State Bank, your committee are satisfied a loan can be negotiated on advantageous terms, with which there will be no difficulty in complying from the resources of the Grand Lodge, if they are judiciously managed and properly applied. In the prosecution of their inquiries your committee have been very forcibly impressed with the want of systematic arrangement so clearly exhibited throughout the progress of this enterprise. We have perceived that of the amount of contributions to St. John's College, so large a sum has been assorbed in the payment of salaries, fees and commissions to agents, treasurers, and others. This has afforded us no little chagrin, perceiving as we have, that in the progress of this enterprise to its present period an amount has been thus expended, which, if now available, would liquidate every outstanding liability of your College, and place it free and unencumbered in the hands of the fraternity of the State. We impute censure to no one, as we are satisfied the trustees have endeavored to act in this matter with fidelity to their trust. Much of the confusion of the College finances, and consequent difficulty of collecting donations has arisen from the loose manner in which agents have made their reports. From the zeal manifested by many of the delegates to this Grand Communication, in every laudable effort to promote our college enterprise, we shall anticipate a more auspicious future in our operations. And we do hope to see many rally to the work from love to masonry, and a laudable desire to advance the general interests of the fraternity, instead of being too exacting under all circumstances in securing the fees and commissions, which have heretofore proven so heavy a drain upon our resources. Acting under instructions given them by a previous communication of your Grand Body, the trustees took the necessary preliminary measures to organize a school in the buildings of St. John's College. This school was prosecuted for three consecutive sessions, and it is a matter of serious regret that so little interest was manifested in its success by the fraternity of the State. Gentlemen of high character and eminently competent had control of it, and educational advantages equal to any school in the country were afforded to those who desired to patronize it. But your committee very much regret that a disposition was manifested on the part of masons by patronizing other schools, affording scarcely equal advantages, to impair public confidence in the sincerity of our intentions, afford reasonable doubts as to the success of the enterprise as well as inflict loss and pecuniary injury on the

worthy gentlemen who assumed the responsibility of conducting the school for its profits. Influenced by these considerations, we would recommend that no proceedings be taken to enforce collections against brother A. G. Brown, for the amount due from him for rent of buildings, &c., but that it be postponed until some future action of this Grand Lodge be had thereon. We think it highly important that authority should be extended by this Grand Lodge to the Board of Trustees directing them to organize on some specific basis—a school in the buildings already completed for St. John's College. We would respectfully suggest to them to consider the propriety of effecting this on the military principle. This plan of school organization is one becoming generally introduced, especially in the south, and in efficient hands has proven eminently successful. We can perceive nothing in it inconsistent with the established principles of our Order, now calculated to militate against the objects and purposes of our school enterprise. Its uniform inculcation of principles, of method, promptness and self-reliance on all its pupils, constitute, in our humble opinion, the essential elements of manly character. This, especially in our southern youth, constitutes an important consideration, as so many, from the nature of our institutions, are apt to depend on others, and not appreciate properly the value of a well directed self-reliance. But the limits of this report forbid us to elaborate our opinions further in reference to this matter.

In conclusion, your committee would earnestly appeal to every mason within this jurisdiction to come forward and lend a helping hand to this enterprise. We are all interested equally in its success or failure. By energy and co-operation we can safely guide it through the breakers which threaten its safety. We can redeem every pledge of this Grand Lodge, and place our College in a position free and unincumbered. Shall we do it, or shall we let an unworthy failure tarnish our escutcheon? Forbid the thought. Let there be a union of hearts and hands in this work; let there be a zealous emulation as to who can best work in pushing it onward and upward, and when all is complete, may we unite in one universal voice of praise,

"All hail to the morning
That bids us rejoice,
The Temple's completed,
Exalt high each voice.

The Capstone is finished,
Our labor is o'er,
The sound of the gavel
Shall hail us no more.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

P. A. HOLT, *Chairman.*

Bro. H. C. Lucas submitted the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on St. John's College have leave to retain their report, so that they may elaborate the same in time to furnish the same to the Grand Secretary in due time to appear in the Proceedings of this Grand Communication.

Bro. L. C. Wood, W. R. Denny, E. Dalby, W. S. Thompson, A. Bailey and J. B. Lassiter, had leave of absence.

Bro. James T. Littlejohn submitted the following resolutions, which were read and adopted: Bros. A. Martin, Jas. T. Little-

john, R. W. Lassiter, P. A. Holt and A. W. Burton were appointed that committee:

Whereas, It is manifested that the interest of St. John's College requires important amendments to the act incorporating the same. Therefore,

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge appoint three or more of the trustees of said college, to take the necessary steps to procure the same by an act of our next General Assembly.

Resolved, further, That the said committee be instructed to ask the following amendments to the charter: 1st. That the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of North Carolina, for the time being, shall ex-officio be the President of the Board of Trustees of St. John's College. 2d. That the Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, for the time being, shall be ex-officio the Treasurer of St. John's College. 3d. That there shall be a Vice President, who shall reside in Granville county. 4th. That there shall be a secretary, who shall reside in said county. 5th. That the Grand Lodge aforesaid shall assign the duties and regulate the conduct of said officers. 6th. That various errors or defects existing in said act of incorporation be amended, and any further amendments that this Grand Lodge may deem fit to order at its next communication; and that said committee be requested to report any further amendments to the next communication of this Grand Lodge, which they may deem necessary.

Resolved, further, That in addition to the foregoing amendments, the said committee be authorized to give notice that application will be made to the Legislature aforesaid for liberty to issue (coupon) bonds, payable as said committee may direct.

Bro. M. L. Wriston submitted the following resolution, which was read and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be, and they are hereby tendered to P. G. M. Alfred Martin and his associates in office, for the able and satisfactory manner in which they have discharged their duties.

Bros. Allen and Killett had leave of absence.

Called off until to-morrow morning 11 o'clock.

FRIDAY MORNING, 11 o'clock,
December 9th, 1859.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

The Officers and Delegates in their seats.

On motion of Bro. Burton, it was

Resolved, That the Grand Master, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer be authorized to execute a note, with personal security, payable to the Bank of North Carolina for the sum of three thousand dollars, to be borrowed for St. John's College.

The President of the Board of Trustees of St. John's College submitted the annexed report, which was read and adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

The Trustees of St. John's College beg leave respectfully to report, that since the last annual session of the Grand Lodge, nothing has transpired in connection with the College of sufficient importance to require an extended report from them, as all matters appertaining to it were laid before this Most Worshipful Body at its last session, in as full and intelligible a manner as was in the power of the trustees to do upon that occasion.

It would have been more satisfactory for the trustees to have had an account taken, as was ordered by the Grand Lodge, of the finances of the college from its beginning to the present time; but the Grand Master will lay before your body good reasons why the same has not been attended to.

The trustees of the college, in and near the town of Oxford, who are almost exclusively charged with the labor and responsibility of carrying out the wishes of the Grand Lodge, have with unceasing effort, endeavored to build up the school and relieve the college from debts and embarassment. To accomplish this great purpose, the trustees have thought it expedient to send a circular letter to the master of each and every lodge in the State, calling upon him (and through him upon every mason in North Carolina) to do something for the college. They have been aided by the influence and ability of the principal of the school, a gentleman of undoubted capacity as a teacher, and by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, whose recent circular letter contained appeals so forcible, statements so clear, sentiments so pure and masonic, that it would seem impossible for any brother in the State to resist them. It is with no little regret that we say, that up to the time of preparing this report, these efforts appear to have been as seed sown upon a dry and barren soil. But few responses have been made to encourage and sustain the college, either by sending us scholars, furnishing means to pay the debts, or giving us fraternal advice and words of encouragement. There are some few noble exceptions, and but for these, your agents, the trustees, would have been long since overwhelmed with discouragement. What may be done at this Grand Lodge will soon be made known, and must in a great measure, determine at once and for all time the fate of St. John's College, an institution which has long been a subject of deep interest to the Grand Lodge, and upon which the hopes and affections of many intelligent and zealous masons in different portions of the State and elsewhere have been concentrated. What would be practically impossible for these few to accomplish, would be comparatively an easy task for the masons of the State, united as a band of brothers, to perform. If no worthier motive could be found to stimulate the masons of North Carolina, the fear of losing self-respect and pride, to which none of us are insensible, should be enough to prevent a scheme promising so much in usefulness and charity, from failing and from dragging down upon our heads in its failure, the reproach of having commenced without counting the cost, and having never learned our own weakness until ten years had elapsed from the date of our first acts and resolutions.

The fall session has just closed, and though the number of pupils did not exceed thirty, the course of instruction and discipline has been satisfactory and gratifying. How much more cause for congratulation would there have been if the masons had sent us their sons, or exerted their influence to furnish scholars, or at least had found out five who would have been willing to accept tuition free of charge!

With the termination of the late session, the connection of Brother A. G. Brown, as Principal of the School, ceased, and the trustees have deferred the employment of another teacher until the wishes and instructions of the Grand Lodge shall be made known.

Since the session of the last Grand Lodge there have been but few contributions made, constituting but a small sum in the aggregate, which has been applied in the payment of small debts that were pressing, and for an insurance upon the building, &c. A full exhibit of receipts and expenditures will be made by the treasurer's report to this Grand Lodge. The financial condition of the college has, however, undergone no material change; although payments have been made, yet the interest has been accruing. It is indispensible that the debts be paid at an early day, as some of the creditors have given us notice that they cannot postpone the collection of their debts to a later period than the meeting of this Grand Lodge.

It is an end most important to be attained, an event most earnestly to be desired, to see this institution of the masons rise above its embarrassment—silence by its success the declaimers against its practicability, and by its prosperity to overwhelm the opposition and prejudice which have so long retarded its advancement. That this can be accomplished, is true, if faith and credit can be given to the acts and declarations of the Grand Lodge. An institution of learning has long been a favorite scheme with the masons of North Carolina, and the wisest and most zealous of our order have advocated this, believing it would be successful and stand as a conspicuous and enduring monument to the benevolence and charity of the masonic fraternity.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

R. W. LASSITER,

President of the Board of Trustees.

The Treasurer of St. John's College submitted his report, which was adopted:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of North Carolina:

R. J. MITCHELL, *Treasurer of St. Johns' College, in account with said College.*

1858.			
Dec. 6,	To amount in Treasurer's hands last report,	$83 85	
" 7,	" Sub. from Charity Lodge, for 1858,	100 00	
" 8,	" " " J. T. Littlejohn,	75 00	
" 9,	" " " David Patterson,	20 00	
" 10,	" Cash, C. W. D. Hutchings, Grand Treas.,	600 00	
" "	" " W. T. Bain, don. from Phœnix L.,	46 00	
" "	" " " " " Palmyra L.,	37 00	
1859.			
Mar. 10,	" amount from J. D. Smith, Agent,	361 00	
May 2,	" donation from Franklin Lodge,	31 00	
June 4,	" " " Fulton Lodge,	100 00	
" 25,	" Sub. from Lafayette Lodge,	25 00	
" "	" Cash for Timber,	2 00	
Aug. 10,	" R. P. Atkinson, don., St. Johns' College,	9 00	
Oct. 4,	" Sub. Central Cross Lodge,	16 00	
Nov. 3,	" O. L. Filyaw, St. Johns' Lodge,	200 00	
" "	" " Fair Bluff Lodge,	46 36	
		$1,752 21	
1858.			
Dec. 7,	By Cash paid for 1,300 shingles,		$5 85
" 8,	" " " J. T. Littlejohn, Sec.,		75 00
" 10,	" " " Capt. John Berry,		700 00
" 11,	" Expenses to Grand Lodge,		14 15
" 18,	" J. R. Fuller, bal. of orders,		124 33

1859.			
Mar 11,	"	amount paid J. D. Smith, Agent,	361 00
Jun. 25,	"	" " J. T. Sergent, com.,	2 50
July 15,	"	" " Bal. Degrot's orders,	42 15
Aug 10,	"	Ins. College Building for $5,000,	39 50
Nov. 5,	"	Cash paid Jos. H. Gooch, Fi. Fa.,	255 96
	"	Com. on $1,752 21,	87 61
			$1,708 05

Amount received,	$1,752 21
" paid out,	1,708 05
To balance in Treasury,	$44 16

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

R. J. MITCHELL, *Treas. St. John's College.*

Bro. A. W. Burton submitted the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to have blank notes issued, payable in one, two and three years, with the interest payable annually, and that he have the same signed by the Grand Master and attested by the signature of the Grand Secretary, together with the seal of the Grand Lodge, and send them to the Worshipful Masters of the different subordinate lodges, with the request that they borrow money for the Grand Lodge, and fill up the blank for the amount so borrowed, and return the said amount to the Grand Secretary.

Bros. P. A. Holt, A. Martin and H. C. Lucas were appointed the Committee on Jurisprudence for the ensuing year.

The Grand Lodge having finished all the business which was submitted for its consideration, was closed in ample form until the first Monday in December, 1860, being the 3rd day of the month.

WILLIAM T. BAIN, *Grand Secretary.*

FORM OF RECORD

For the Ordinary Transactions of a Masonic Lodge.

HALL OF LODGE, No. A. L., A. D.,

The Lodge convened in regular meeting, and opened in the Master's Degree.

Officers Present:		Members Present:
Bro. A. B.,	W. M.	Bro. Z. M.
" C. D.,	Sr. W.	" U. V.
" E. F.,	Jr. W.	" W. K.
" G. H.,	Treasurer.	" O. P.
" I. J.,	Secretary.	" R. S.
" K. L.,	Sr. D.	" M. C.
" M. N.,	Jr. D.	" A. B.
" O. P.,	Stewards.	" R. F.
" Q. R.,	Stewards.	" N. Y.
" S. T.,	Tyler.	" H. W.

Visitors:

Bro. J. W., of Lodge, No. Raleigh, N. C.
" O. M., of " New York City.
" N. Y., non-affiiliating mason from our jurisdiction.

After the minutes of the last regular meeting were read the unfinished business was taken up.

1st. The report of the committee on the petition of Mr. C. D., for the degrees in masonry, which report being favorable, the candidate was balloted for and elected.

2d. The report of the committee on the petition of Mr. M. O. for the masonic degrees, which being unfavorable, the ballot was taken and his petition rejected.

3d. The committee on the Books of the Treasurer and Secretary submitted their report, which was received and ordered on file, (or to be spread upon the minutes, as the lodge may determine.)

4th. The committee of reference in the case of Bros. A. B. and C. D. not being prepared to report were allowed until the next regular meeting to make their report.

There being no further unfinished business the next business in order was

1st. A petition from Mr. A. J. for the masonic degrees, which was referred to a special committee consisting of Bros. C. D., A. N. and E. F., and the fee, of $21, accompanying the same, paid over to the Treasurer.

2d. An application for pecuniary relief from Mrs. J. K. was read and referred to the committee of charity.

There being no further business before the Master's Lodge, it was dispensed with, and a Lodge opened on the First Degree, when Mr. J. C., who was elected at the last regular meeting, was introduced, and initiated in due form. The Entered Apprentices Lodge was then closed, and a Lodge opened on the Second Degree, when Bro. A. C. was introduced and passed in due form. The Fellow Crafts Lodge was then closed, and the Master's Lodge resumed labor.

The following members paid dues, viz:

Bro. A. B., $4,
" C. D., 5,
" J. H., 7, in all $16,

which amount was paid over to the Treasurer.

There being no further business, the minutes were read and approved, when the Master's Lodge closed in due form.

J. M., Secretary.

AMOUNT OF DUES

Amount of Dues paid by the Subordinate Lodges to the Grand Lodge of North Carolina for 1859, and other years.

St. John's	No.	1,	$15 00
Royal White Hart	"	2,	15 00
St. John's	"	3,	15 00
Charity	"	5,	15 00
Unanimity	"	7,	15 00
Phœnix	"	8,	15 00
American George	"	17,	15 00
Phalanx	"	31,	15 00
Stokes	"	32,	15 00
William R. Davie	"	37,	15 00
Hiram	"	40,	15 00
King Solomon	"	56,	15 00
Concord	"	58,	15 00
Perseverance	"	59,	15 00
Kilwinning	"	64,	15 00
*Eagle	"	71,	30 00
Widow's Son	"	75,	15 00
Greensboro'	"	76,	15 00
Sharon	"	78,	15 00
Zion	"	81,	15 00
Mt. Moriah	"	82,	15 00
Lafayette	"	83,	15 00
Fellowship	"	84,	15 00
Morning Star	"	85,	15 00
Enfield	"	88,	15 00
Skewarkee	"	90,	15 00
*Western Star	"	91,	30 00
Joseph Warren	"	92,	15 00
Jerusalem	"	95,	15 00
St. John's	"	96,	15 00
Wake Forest	"	97,	15 00
Hiram	"	98,	15 00
Fulton	"	99,	15 00
Warren	"	101,	15 00
Columbus	"	102,	15 00
Pasquotank	"	103,	15 00
Perquimans	"	106,	15 00
Clinton	"	107,	15 00
Belmont	"	108,	15 00
St. John's	"	110,	15 00
Wayne	"	112,	15 00
Person	"	113,	15 00
St. Alban's	"	114,	15 00
Holly Springs	"	115,	15 00
Mt. Lebanon	"	117,	15 00
Mt. Hermon	"	118,	15 00
Logan	"	121,	15 00
Tuscarora	No.	122,	$15 00
Franklinton	"	123,	15 00
Clinton	"	124,	15 00
Mill Creek	"	125,	15 00
Sunsbury	"	126,	15 00
Blackmer	"	127,	5 00
Dan River	"	129,	15 00
Conoho	"	131,	15 00
Radiance	"	132,	15 00
Alamance	"	133,	15 00
Mocksville	"	134,	15 00
†Black Rock	"	135,	15 00
Leaksville	"	136,	15 00
Lincoln	"	137,	15 00
King Solomon	"	138,	15 00
Mt. Energy	"	140,	15 00
Carolina	"	141,	15 00
Cane Creek	"	142,	15 00
Mt. Vernon	"	143,	15 00
Taylor	"	144,	15 00
Palmyra	"	147,	15 00
Adoniram	"	149,	15 00
Pee Dee	"	150,	15 00
Chalmers	"	151,	15 00
†Mt. Carmel	"	153,	15 00
Scotch Ireland	"	154,	15 00
White Stone	"	155,	15 00
Rolesville	"	156,	15 00
Mt. Pleasant	"	157,	15 00
Knap of Reeds	"	158,	15 00
Rocky River	"	159,	15 00
Beaumont	"	160,	15 00
Emmaus	"	161,	15 00
Archer	"	165,	15 00
St. Paul's	"	166,	15 00
Winston	"	167,	15 00
Pleasant Hill	"	168,	15 00
Blackmer	"	170,	14 00
Delk	"	171,	15 00
Buffaloe	"	172,	15 00
Union	"	173,	15 00
George Washington	"	174,	15 00
Pollocksville	"	175,	15 00
Mecklenburg	"	176,	15 00
Siloam	"	178,	15 00
			$1,399 00

* Paid for 1858, 59.

† Paid for 1858.

Lafayette	"	179,	15 00
Caldwell	"	180,	15 00
Townesville	"	182,	15 00
Jordan	"	184,	15 00
Sandy Creek	"	185,	15 00
Pine Forest	"	186,	15 00
Central Cross	"	187,	15 00
Balfour	"	188,	15 00
Fair Bluff	"	190,	15 00
Granite	"	191,	15 00
Burnsville	"	192,	15 00
Cape Fear	"	194,	15 00
Falkland	"	196,	15 00
Cherokee	"	197,	15 00
Cary	"	198,	15 00
High Point	"	199,	15 00
Eagle Rock	"	201,	15 00
Cleaveland	"	202,	15 00
			$270 00

Roanoke,	No.	203,	for ch'r,	$9 00
Berea,	"	204,	"	9 00
Long Creek,	"	205,	"	9 00
Mingo,	"	206,	"	9 00
Lebanon,	"	207,	"	9 00
Mt. Olive,	"	208,	"	9 00
New Salem,	"	209,	"	9 00
				$63 00
Dispensations,			$24 00	
G. L. certificates,			6 75	
				$30 75
				$1,762 75

THE ANNEXED STATEMENT

Shows the Amount received from Subordinate Lodges for advance payments and individual donations for St. John's College.

Clinton	Lodge, No.	124,		$15 00
St. John's	"	1,		30 00
Sandy Creek	"	185,		15 00
Franklinton	"	123,		15 00
American George	"	17,		15 00
King Solomon	"	56,	donation,	26 00
Central Cross	"	187,	in advance,	15 00
Alexander Dickson,			donation,	5 00
Fulton	"	99,	in advance,	30 00
Pine Forest	"	186,	"	15 00
Rolesville	"	156,	"	30 00
Eagle Rock	"	201,	"	15 00
Wake Forest	"	97,	"	15 00
Radiance	"	132,	"	30 00
Mecklenburg.	"	176,	"	15 00
Warren	"	101,	"	15 00
Mount Energy	"	140,	"	15 00
King Solomon	"	138,	"	15 00
Buffaloe	"	172,	"	15 00
Morning Star	"	85,	"	15 00
Lafayette	"	83,	"	15 00
Knap of Reeds	"	158,	"	15 00
Palmyra	"	147,	"	15 00
Hiram	"	98,	"	15 00
H. C. Lucas,			donation,	7 25
Concord	"	58,	in advance,	15 00
Eagle	"	71,	"	30 00
Phalanx	"	31,	"	60 00
Holly Springs	"	15,	"	15 00
Perseverance	"	59,	"	15 00
Cleaveland	"	202,	"	15 00
Lincoln	"	137,	"	45 00
Liberty	"	45,	"	15 00
Mr. McIver,			donation,	2 00
				$640 25

Received since the close of the Grand Lodge:

Union	Lodge, No.	173,	$15 00	
Perquimons	"	106,	30 00	
Perseverance	"	59,	15 00	
Jordan	"	184,	30 00	
Winston	"	167,	15 00	
Stokes	"	32,	30 00	
Mill Creek	"	125,	15 00	
Roanoke	"	203,	15 00	
Dan River	"	129,	15 00	
				180 00
				$820 25

SUBORDINATE LODGES

Working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina for 1859.

St. John's	Lodge, No.	1,	Wilmington,	New Hanover County.
Royal White Hart	"	2,	Halifax,	Halifax "
St. John's	"	3,	Newbern,	Craven "
Charity	"	5,	Windsor,	Bertie "
Unanimity	"	7,	Edenton,	Chowan "
Phœnix	"	8,	Fayetteville,	Cumberland "
American George	"	17,	Murfreesboro',	Hertford "
Phalanx	"	31,	Charlotte,	Mecklenburg "
Stokes	"	32,	Concord,	Cabarrus "
William R. Davie	"	37,	Lexington,	Davidson "
Hiram	"	40,	Raleigh,	Wake "
Liberty	"	45,	Wilkesboro',	Wilkes "
King Solomon	"	56,	Jackson,	Northampton "
Concord	"	58,	Tarboro',	Edgecombe "
Perseverance	"	59,	Plymouth,	Washington "
Kilwinning	"	64,	Wadesboro',	Anson "
Eagle	"	71,	Hillsboro',	Orange "
Widow's Son	"	75,	Camden C. H.,	Camden "
Greensboro'	"	76,	Greensboro',	Guilford "
Sharon	"	78,	Greenville,	Pitt "
Zion	"	81,	Trenton,	Jones "
Mount Moriah	"	82,	Statesville,	Iredell "
Lafayette	"	83,	Jacksonville,	Onslow "
Fellowship	"	84,	Smithfield,	Johnston "
Morning Star	"	85,	Nashville,	Nash "
Enfield	"	88,	Enfield,	Halifax "
Skeewarkee	"	90,	Williamston,	Martin "
Western Star	"	91,	Rutherfordton,	Rutherford "
Joseph Warren	"	92,	Stantonsburg,	Wilson "
Jerusalem	"	95,	Hookerton,	Greene "
St. John's	"	96,	Kinston,	Lenoir "
Wake Forest	"	97,	Dunnsville,	Wake "
Hiram	"	98,	Clinton,	Sampson "
Fulton	"	99,	Salisbury,	Rowan "
Warren	"	101,	Kenansville,	Duplin "
Columbus	"	102,	Pittsboro',	Chatham "
Pasquotank	"	103,	Elizabeth City,	Pasquotank "
Orr	"	104,	Washington,	Beaufort "
Perquimons	"	106,	Hertford,	Perquimons "
Clinton	"	107,	Yanceyville,	Caswell "
Belmont	"	108,	Bear Swamp P. O.,	Duplin "
Franklin	"	109,	Beaufort,	Carteret "
St. John's	"	110,	Smithville,	Brunswick "
Wentworth	"	111,	Wentworth,	Rockingham "
Wayne	"	112,	Everettsville,	Wayne "
Person,	"	113,	Roxboro',	Person "
St. Alban's	"	114,	Lumberton,	Robeson "
Holly Springs	"	115,	Holly Springs,	Wake "
Germanton	"	116,	Germanton,	Stokes "
Mt. Lebanon	"	117,	Wilson,	Wilson "

Mt. Hermon	No.	118,	Asheville, Buncombe	County,
Logan	"	121,	Jamestown, Guilford	"
Tuscarora	"	122,	Oxford, Granville	"
Franklinton	"	123,	Franklinton, Franklin	"
Clinton	"	124,	Louisburg, Franklin	"
Mill Creek	"	125,	Newton Grove, Sampson	"
Sunsbury	"	126,	Gatesville, Gates	"
Blackmer	"	127,	Clark's Creek, Montgomery	"
Hanks'	"	128,	Franklinsville, Randolph	"
Dan River	"	129,	Madison, Rockingham	"
Conoho	"	131,	Hamilton, Martin	"
Radiance	"	132,	Snow Hill, Greene	"
Alamance	"	133,	Graham, Alamance	"
Mocksville	"	134,	Mocksville, Davie	"
Black Rock	"	135,	Black Rock, Brunswick	"
Leaksville	"	136,	Leaksville, Rockingham	"
Lincoln	"	137,	Lincolnton, Lincoln	"
King Solomon	"	138,	Long Creek, New Hanover	"
Mount Energy	"	140,	Tranquility, Granville	"
Carolina	"	141,	Carolina College, Anson	"
Cane Creek	"	142,	Snow Camp, Alamance	"
Mount Vernon	"	143,	Goldson's P. O., Chatham	"
Taylor	"	144,	Belle Voir, Chatham	"
Junaluska	"	145,	Franklin, Macon	"
Cherokee	"	146,	Murphey, Cherokee	"
Palmyra	"	147,	Averasboro', Harnett	"
Adoniram	"	149,	Young's X Roads, Granville	"
Pee Dee	"	150,	Norwood's Store, Stanly	"
Chalmers	"	151,	Evans' Mills, Moore	"
Mount Carmel	"	153,	Scott's Hill, New Hanover	"
Scotch Ireland	"	154,	Mount Vernon, Rowan	"
White Stone	"	155,	Wakefield, Wake	"
Rolesville	"	156,	Rolesville, Wake	"
Mount Pleasant	"	157,	Rogers' Store, Wake	"
Knap of Reeds	"	158,	Knap of Reeds, Granville	"
Rocky River	"	159,	Mudlick, Chatham	"
Beaumont	"	160,	Beaumont, Chatham	"
Emmaus	"	161,	Hadley's Mills, Chatham	"
Yadkin	"	162,	Yadkinsville, Yadkin	"
Deep River	"	164,	Faust's Mills, Randolph	"
Archer	"	165,	Creechville, Johnston	"
Saint Paul's	"	166,	Beatty's Bridge, Bladen	"
Winston	"	167,	Winston, Forsythe	"
Pleasant Hill	"	168,	Patterson's Store, Alamance	"
Blackmer	"	170,	Reem's Creek, Buncombe	"
Delk	"	171,	Coleraine, Bertie	"
Buffaloe	"	172,	Buffaloe P. O., Moore	"
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Mecklenburg	"	176,	Davidson College, Mecklenburg	"
Marlboro'	"	177,	Marlboro', Pitt	"
Siloam	"	178,	Harrell's Store, New Hanover	"
Lafayette	"	179,	Leasburg, Caswell	"
Caldwell	"	180,	Chapel Hill, Orange	"
Carthage	"	181,	Carthage, Moore	"
Townesville	"	182,	Townesville, Granville	"
Centre Grove	"	183,	Summerfield, Guilford	"
Jordan	"	184,	Reynoldson, Gates	"

Sandy Creek	No.	185,	Laurel P. O., Franklin	County,
Pine Forest	"	186,	Harrington's, Harnett	"
Central Cross	"	187,	Peach Tree Grove, Nash	"
Balfour	"	188,	Ashboro', Randolph	"
Taylorsville	"	189,	Taylorsville, Alexander	"
Fair Bluff	"	190,	Fair Bluff, Columbus	"
Granite	"	191,	Stalling's Depot, Johnston	"
Burnsville	"	192,	Burnsville, Yancy	"
Cape Fear	"	194,	Elizabeth Town, Bladen	"
Mount Olivet	"	195,	Brower's Mills, Randolph	"
Falkland	"	196,	Falkland, Pitt	"
Cherokee	"	197,	Grogansville, Rockingham	"
Carey	"	198,	Carey P. O., Wake	"
High Point	"	199,	High Point, Guilford	"
Pisgah	"	200,	Hendersonville, Henderson	"
Eagle Rock	"	201,	Eagle Rock, Wake	"
Cleaveland	"	202,	Shelby, Cleaveland	"
*Roanoke	"	203,	Weldon, Halifax	"
*Berea	"	204,	Berea, Granville	"
*Long Creek	"	205,	Hopewell, Mecklenburg	"
*Mingo	"	206,	Draughn's Store, Sampson	"
*Lebanon	"	207,	Whitesville, Columbus	"
*Mount Olive	"	208,	Mount Olive, Wayne	"
*New Salem	"	209,	New Salem, Randolph	"

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Initiated 1; passed 1; raised 0; rejected 2; suspended 0; expelled 0; admited 0; withdrawn 4; died 3; residents not members 31; whole number 121.

Regular time of meeting, last Thursday in each month.

ROYAL WHITE HART, NO. 2, HALIFAX.

OFFICERS:

James M. Grizzard, Worshipful Master; Charles N. Webb, Senior Warden; G. W. Owens, Junior Warden; W. W. Daniel, Jr., Treasurer; W. D. Barkley, Secretary; Rich'd H. Walker, Senior Deacon; W. W. Carter, Junior Deacon; Archibald Stevenson, Tyler.

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Initiated 1; passed 1; raised 1; rejected 0; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 0; withdrawn 0; died 0; residents not members 11; whole number 34.

Regular time of meeting, first Satuarday of each month and the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist, and St. John the Baptist.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, NO. 3, NEWBERN.

OFFICERS:

Charles C. Clark, Worshipful Master; J. M. F. Harrison, Senoir Warden; D. T. Carraway, Junior Warden; Z. Brown, Treasurer; E. R. Bryan, Secretary; J. V. Jordan, Senior Deacon; J. A. Simpson, Junior Deacon; James G. Arthur, Tyler.

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RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

James Miller, Stephen B. Forbes, J. C. Cole, T. H. Hudson, R. Slaton, Z. S. Coffin.

Initiated 8; passed 8, raised 6; rejected 4; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 2; withdrawn 2; died 3; residents not members 6; whole number 91.

Regular time of meeting, second Wednesday of each month.

CHARITY LODGE, NO. 5, WINDSOR.

OFFICERS:

Wm. P. Gurley, Worshipful Master; Arodi Piland, Senior Warden; John S. Shepperd, Junior Warden; Burwell B. Russell, Senior Deacon; Charles J. Moore, Junior Deacon; John T. Roscoe, Treasurer; A. H. Hassell, Secretary; Joel Grizzard, Tyler.

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RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

George W. McGlanhon, Zebulon L. Simmons, Wm. A. Ferguson, Jas. B. Jordan, Thomas Skinner, David Outlaw.

Initiated 1; passed 1; raised 1; rejected 2; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 0; withdrawn 0; died 1; residents not members 6; whole number 38.

Regular time of meeting, Monday evenings of County and Superior Courts, and the second Monday in every month in which there is no Court, and the anniversary of St. John the Baptist, and St. John the Evangelist.

UNANIMITY LODGE, NO. 7, EDENTON.

OFFICERS:

William R. Skinner, Worshipful Master; James E. Norfleet, Senior Warden; Fred. L. Roberts, Junior Warden; Thomas S. Hoskins, Secretary; Isaac Rosenthal, Treasurer; Jas. McCoy, Senior Deacon; Peter F. White, Junior Deacon; George W. Smith, Tyler.

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RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

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Initiated 7; passed 6; raised 3; rejected 1; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 8; withdrawn 0; died 0; residents not members 8; whole number 39.

Regular time of meeting, third Monday in each month, and on Monday of the several County and Superior Courts.

PHŒNIX LODGE, NO. 8, FAYETTEVILLE.

OFFICERS:

A. M. Campbell, Worshipful Master; James McDaniel, Senior Warden; W. B. Shemwell, Junior Warden; W. Prior, Treasurer; W. L. Rose, Secretary; L. C. Lineberry, Senior Deacon; Henry Mullins, Junior Deacon; D. Wemyss, Tyler.

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Initiated 6; passed 6; raised 6; rejected 0; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 0; withdrawn 3; died 1; residents not members 19; whole number 132.

AMERICAN GEORGE, NO. 17, MURFREESBORO'.

OFFICERS:

F. M. Capehart, Worshipful Master; R. H. Hart, Senior Warden; F. A. Nolley, Junior Warden; R. H. Worthington, Secretary; Jas. H. Lassiter, Treasurer; J. Baum, Senior Deacon; James M. Wynn, Junior Deacon; G. D. Parker, Tyler.

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Initiated 1; passed 1; raised 1; rejected 1; suspended 0; expelled 1; admitted 0; withdrawn 4; died 0; residents not members 29; whole number 51.

Regular time of meeting, first Saturday night in each month.

PHALANX LODGE, NO. 31, CHARLOTTE.

OFFICERS:

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Initiated 9; passed 12; raised 9; rejected 4; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 2; withdrawn 5; died 2; residents not members 15; whole number 106.

Regular time of meeting, second and fourth Mondays of each month, with the exception of June and December, when they are on the second Monday, and on the festivals of Sts. John the Baptist and Evangelist.

STOKES LODGE, NO. 32, CONCORD.

OFFICERS:

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RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

A. C. McRee, Sr.

Initiated 2; passed 2; raised 4; rejected 1; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 1; withdrawn 3; died 0; residents not members 1; whole number 37.

Regular time of meeting, last Fridays of each month, and Tuesdays of each Court.

WILLIAM R. DAVIE LODGE, NO. 37, LEXINGTON.

OFFICERS:

George Riley, Worshipful Master; J. S. Bledger, Senior Warden; Lewis Gumb, Junior Warden; A. C. Hege, Treasurer; Bennet Nooe, Secretary; Richard Jordan, Senior Deacon; J. L. Johnson, Junior Deacon; Jos. Motsinger, Tyler.

MEMBERS:

J. M. Leach, Rob't Burns, Rev. A. D. Montgomery, A. B. Caldcleugh, J. P. Stinson, J. A. Long, H. D. Brummel, J. S. Caldcleugh, H. E. Rounsaville, Philip Hanes, E., J. A. Holt, S. J. Piggott, Pat. Howard, T. H. Northern, R. A. H. Caldcleugh, S. H. Pendleton, J. B. Shelton, F., Wm. Lewis, F., G. D. Russel, E., A. H. Marsh, W. D. Ashley, L. L. Thomas, Jacob Motsinger, John F. Rodman, J. K. Baughn, William Trotter, Sam'l Gaither, E., D. W. Wagoner, Thos. Simmons, J. V. Simmons, Rob't L. Thomas, Thos. Hampton, Rev. Amos Weaver, E., William B. Marsh, F.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

Eli Penry, R. A. King.

Initiated 4; passed 4; raised 5; rejected 0; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 0; withdrawn 0; died 0; residents not members 2; whole number 45.

Regular time of meeting, first Friday in each month.

HIRAM LODGE, NO. 40, RALEIGH.

OFFICERS:

W. D. Williams, Worshipful Master; A. Johnson, Senior Warden; T. W. Bell, Junior Warden; D. King, Treasurer; S. M. Parish, Secretary; J. Matthews, Senior Deacon; N. S. Harp, Junior Deacon; James M. Betts, Tyler.

MEMBERS:

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RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

James Litchford, Sr., K. Rayner, Henry D. Turner, E. B. Freeman, A. J. Lawrence, C. H. Johnson, J. R. Harrison, H. W. Husted, W. F. Collins, J. M. Lovejoy, Col. E. Yarbrough, W. Boylan, L. W. Peck, W. B. Read, J. W. Johnson, E. O. Macey, L. E. Hart, T. J. Utley, C. L. Hinton, W. Whitaker, D. Cosby, T. J. Lemay, J. H. Kirkham, S. Burns, G. W. Norwood, E. Hunt.

Initiated 7; passed 8; raised 9; rejected 7; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 4; withdrawn 3; died 0; residents not members 25; whole number 55.

Regular time of meeting, third Monday in each and every month, except June and December, then on St. John the Baptist, and St. John the Evangelist.

LIBERTY LODGE, NO. 45, WILKESBORO'.

OFFICERS:

H. H. Dent, Worshipful Master; Wm. Emerson, Senior Warden; A. L. Hackett, Junior Warden; R. F. Hackett, Treasurer; N. A. Foster, Secretary; E. B. Salmon, Senior Deacon; T. S. Bouchelle, Junior Deacon; C. R. Simpson, Tyler.

MEMBERS:

J. W. Tulburt, T. T. Maxwell, A. M. Foster, W. G. Hicks, Jesse Watkins, J. M. Luther, C. N. Hickerson.

Initiated 10; passed 10; raised 10; rejected 2; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 0; withdrawn 0; died 0; residents not members 0; whole number 15.

KING SOLOMON LODGE, NO. 56, JACKSON.

OFFICERS:

Sam'l Calvert, Worshipful Master; A. E. Grant, Senior Warden; J. C. Grant, Junior Warden; Noah R. Odom, Senior Deacon; Thomas Lanier, Junior Deacon; John M. Calvert, Secretary; Jas. W. Newsom, Treasurer; Richard Shane, Tyler.

MEMBERS:

Wm. J. Capehart, L. W. Rolfe, Wm. C. Edwards, John T. Wheeler, L. W. Tanner, Wm. Grant, Matthew Brewer, James Boon, Wm. Barrow, Jesse Flythe, H. Lassiter, Wm. J. Deakens, Exum Stephenson, George R. Jordan, W. W. Peeples, F. M. Spivey, John W. Foster, Junius N. Ramsay, A. J. Allen, Junius Stephenson.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

Nathan J. Crocker, J. B. Odom, B. F. Jordan, J. H. Deberry, E. Martin, J. Ramsay, J. Barrum, R. Taylor, J. S. M. Rogers, B. Parks, J. M. Moody, J. Jordan, Britt Sykes, Henry Deloatche, Wm. H. Woodruff.

Initiated 5; passed 5; raised 4; rejected 0; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 3; withdrawn 0; died 1; residents not members 15; whole number 43.

Regular time of meeting, first Saturday evening.

CONCORD LODGE, NO. 58, TARBORO'.

OFFICERS:

Dr. B. W. Mabrey, Worshipful Master; Wm. S. Long, Senior Warden; Dr. R. Cobb, Junior Warden; Thomas M. Carter, Treasurer; David Pender,

Secretary; Wm. Harrell, Senior Deacon; John A. Knight, Junior Deacon; Seth S. Hicks, Tyler.

MEMBERS:

James Mehegan, P. M., John H. Leigh, Jos. H. Hyman, Jos. H. Brown, David Cobb, P. M., Henry T. Clark, P. M., Thos. C. Hussey, L. B. Brown, Kenneth Thigpen, Rev. Jno. F. Speight, Dr. George C. Sugg, Noah Leggett, Benj. Batts, Dr. W. S. Baker, B. B. Barrow, M. C. Cherry, And. J. Cotton, Gray Cobb, J. L. Horn, Robert H. Pender, Dr. J. J. Garrett, David B. Bell, L. C. Pender, Elisha Cromwell, William D. Mercer, J. J. B. Pender, Samuel Marshbun, John Knight, Jr., Newsom Alsbrook, Samuel Hyman, Dr. J. R. Mercer, W. S. Duggan, Frank M. Parker, Rich'd H. Garrett, C. H. Jenkins, Britton Howell, Thos. Oberry, Wm. Norfleet, Jas. A. Cobb, Wm. F. Mercer, J. D. Jenkins, L. S Dunn, L. D. Johnston, N Mathewson, C. B. Killibrew, A. J. M. Whitehead, L. Little, Gray L. Brown, Dr. Wm. G. Thomas, T. L. Mainer, Rich'd H. Gatlin, M. M. Mallon, James MacSavage, John H. Speed, Dr. Aug. MacNair, Geo. B. Lipscomb, Isaac L Cushing, Spier Pittman, W. H. Knight, James Pender, Wm. T. Gray, Dr. D. Williams, M. Worsly, Jno. F. Ward, Dr. John W. Jones, Jos. B. Coffield, And. Sorg, Fred. H. Jenkins, John O. Oates, E. G. Worsley, Bennett P. Pitt.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

Dr. N. J. Pittman, J. H. Powell, Rob't D. Wimber, Dr. J. J. Phillips, E. Cromwell, W. S. Hunter, C. C. Nicholson, Rob't Norfleet, R. R. Bridgers, B. M. Jackson, C. E. Neal, J. P. Stewart, J. T. Patterson, Rev. Rob't S. Moran.

Initiated 6; passed 4; raised 5; rejected 1; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 0; withdrawn 2; died 2; residents not members 14; whole number 80.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE, NO. 59, PLYMOUTH.

OFFICERS:

H. B. Short, Worshipful Master; William Bagley, Senior Warden; Geo. T. Moore, Junior Warden; James H. Smith, Treasurer; Joseph Ramsay, Secretary; Nathan D. Norman, Senior Deacon; George W. Price, Junior Deacon; O. W. Davis, J. G. Griffin, Stewards; W. Whitaker, Tyler.

MEMBERS:

Thos. W. Skirven, Edgar Hanks, H. A. Gilliam, T. B. Nicholls, I. Kelly, B. W. Foster, Thos. E. Pender, Enoch Jones, R H. Bennett, F. F. Fagan, J. A. Spruill, John McC. Boyle, James Magee, J. R. Dillin, Goodman Durden, John Brown, Jas. Brofy, G. J. Cherry, J. B. Griffin, F. O'Neal, C. G. Phelps, Hardy Hardison, Warren W. Ward, Franklin Ward, Joseph Bratten, John Simmons, T. H. Gilliam, James M. White, James W. Davis, William W. McFarland, E. H. White, Rev. T. W. Guthrie, Rev. George McD. West, J. M. Alexander, Jerome B. Davenport.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

A. J. Wynne, Benj. T. Sikes, Lockhart Williams, John F. Phelps, S. W. Davenport, S. H. Sample, George W. Snell, Isaiah H. Wynne, W. Ballance, Joseph C. Norcom, W. D. Carstarphen, T. S. Armistead, E. H. Willis, Jas. W. Bell, S. T. Gaylord, J. E. Short, Israel Weisel, S. B. Davenport.

Initiated 2; passed 2; raised 2; rejected 3; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 1; withdrawn 2; died 1; residents not members 18; whole number 63.

Regular time of meeting, first Tuesday in every month, and on 24th June.

KILWINNING LODGE, NO. 64, WADESBORO'.

OFFICERS:

Eli F. Kendall, Worshipful Master; Benj. F. Smith, Senior Warden; A. C. Benton, Junior Warden; W. P. Kendall, Treasurer; S. W. Neal, P. M., Secretary; Rob't T. Hall, P. M., Senior Deacon; B. C. Hutchison, Junior Deacon; Rev. A. E. Bennett, Chaplain; John Cowick, Tyler.

MEMBERS:

M. S. Austin, A. W. Alexander, John Boylin, John W. Bell, Rev. John Beckwith, Jr., Thos. D. Baldwin, W. O. Bennett, James Boggan, James B. Barrett, W. D. Barringer, A. Baucum, James T. Bradly, W. S. Bennett, J. G. Bennett, Thos. R. Bennett, E A., J. J. Cox, Jno Chears, Thos. C. Capel, Jas. C. Caraway, W. J. Cox, Benj. Clark, A. B. Cason, Rev. E. David, Rev. O. A. Darby, H. M. Diggs, Rev. S. D. Davenport, Jesse Edwards, Rev. A. J. Evans, Eli Freeman, C. A. Frazier, Jno. F. Fort, Dr. W. H. Glass, Thos. D. Gruet, T. Gulledge, T. Hendly, Ed. Hutchison, Thomas M. Hamilton, W. S. Hendly, Jas. Hooker Dr. Thos. C. Hall, H. M. Ingram, J. B. Ingram, J. H. Jarmin, Dr. W. G. Jones, J. Kindred, B. D. Kendall, L. R. Legrand, J. P. Little, W. A. Liles, Alex'r Little, P. M., Jas. P. Livingston, W. B Little, W. L. Ledbetter, Jno. H Liles, E. R. Liles, C. B Lindsey, A. C. Moore, N. McCorman, Jno. Q McPherson, Dr. A. Myers, Rev. J. L. McGrigor, J. A. McRae, A. C. Nivens, Rev. R. R. Pegues, J. T. Streater, E. H. Streater, Jno. D. Smith, Thos. G. Saunders, J. P. Smith, P. G. Smith, Dr. J. C. Smith, C. E. Smith, Jno. Roscoe, Rob't N. Ross, Jno. Robinson, Thos. Ratcliff, Dr H. W. Robinson, Jas. P Richardson, Wm. Tiddy, Jr., Rev. E. Tompson, R. H. Tillman, E. A., W. C. Teal, W. L. Tillman, T. A. Vestal, P. M., M. C. Vick, Geo. W. Willoughby, Levin Wooten, Thomas M. Watson, W. W. Wilkins, S. G. Wall, James Wall.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

Jas. White, Rev. S. H. Browne, J. E. Bonvette, S. V. Simons.

Initiated 9; passed 8; raised 8; rejected 0; suspended 0; expelled 1; admitted 0; withdrawn 0; died 0; residents not members 4; whole number 107.

Regular time of meeting, 2d and 4th Monday evenings in every month, and the two festivals.

EAGLE LODGE, NO. 71, HILLSBORO'.

OFFICERS:

John M. Wolfe, Worshipful Master; Calvin E. Parish, Senior Warden; T. J. Strayhorn, Junior Warden; James Gill, Treasurer; Joseph C. Webb, Secretary; Henry C. Stroud, Senior Deacon; Thomas V. White, Junior Deacon; Robert F. Pleasants, Tyler.

MEMBERS:

Jos. Allison, Giles J. Allison, J. J. Allen, J. J. Allison, J. Q. Anderson, J. Berry, Wm. H. Brown, Wm. H. Bailey, Wyatt Cates, J. A Cox, B. Cheek, E. Cates, C. L. Cooley, J. Culbreth, T. J. Cates, T. S. Cates, C. W. Cheek, A. Compton, J. A. Compton, Wm. Dickson, A. Dickson, Jno. C. Douglass, I. Dammored, T J. Freeland, W. J. Freeland, John A. Faucett, W. D. Faucett, W. James Freeland, C. J. Freeland, James Gill, D. T. Gordon, W. B. Gordon, J. R. Gattis, Dennis Heartt, L. W. Hall, John T. Holloway, Sam'l Hannah, Rob't N. Hall, J. W. Hall, E. S. Hester, Pride Jones, J. F. Lyon, Moses Leathers, Thomas Lynch, J. W. Lancaster, W. S. Long, James W.

Lea, D. A. Montgomery, A. C. Murdock, S. P. Moore, H. C. McCauley, W. McCown, J. L. Moore, John McCracken, J. A. McMannen, Henry K. Nash, Wm. Nelson, J. Nichols, J. M. Palmer, J. H. Parrish, James Parks, G. C. Pickard, Henry Richards, W. C. Roberts, W. N. Strayhorn, W. T. Shields, C. G. Strayhorn, E. M. Scott, Thos. Simpson, G. W. Tate, J. C. Turner, T. Webb, S. B. Woods, M. Wilkerson, J. S. Watson, Chas. Wilson, L. Whitted, W. J. Walker.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

George Law, William McCauley, C. M. Latimer, John McCown, Dr. Ed. Strudwick, D. D. Phillips, Antonio DeMartino, Dr. R. Hooker.

Initiated 2; passed 1; raised 6; rejected 2; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 0; withdrawn 3; died 1; residents not members 8; whole number 102.

Regular time of meeting, first Friday night in every month, and Tuesday night of each County Court.

WIDOW'S SON LODGE, NO. 75, CAMDEN C. H.

OFFICERS:

Thomas Palmer, Worshipful Master; Wilson B. Ferebee, Senior Warden; Hilliard Baxter, Junior Warden; Sam'l Tillett, Treasurer; Jos. L. Morrisett, Secretary; Joseph G. Hughes, Senior Deacon; Joseph A. Spencer, Junior Deacon; Tully Morrisett, Tyler; E. L. Dozier, Steward.

MEMBERS:

Phillip Dozier, F. C., D. Duncan, Jas. Chamberlin, Dr. Wm. H. Cowell, Dempsey Cox, T. J. Etheridge, J. M. Ferebee, A. P., Luke Gregory, J. M. Gregory, R. R. Gurkins, S. W. Gregory, A. P., A. Gallop, Dr. S. D. Grice, C. W. Grandy, Spence Gregory, W. C. Gordon, A. P., J. W. Hinton, T. C. Humphries, John Halstead, Wm. T. Hinton, J. S. Jones, J. B. Jones, A. P., Thos. Lewis, Luke Lamb, J. B. Lee, L. P. Morrisett, M. S. Morrisett, D. B. Morrisett, Noah McPherson, Wm. S. Mercer, W. C. Mercer, J. S. Morgan, A. P., Ed. Mercer, A. P., Enoch Sawyer, W. W. Sawyer, W. Sanderlain, J. S. Sawyer, Dr. L. K. Sanders, A. P., J. B. Tillett, Isaac N. Tillett, A. P., Jas. A. Taylor, A. P., Thos. R. Spence, Frank Vaughn, Wm. Wilson, Caleb P. Walston, S. Wilson, Jos. Wilson, W. Williams, W. Sawyer, A. P., William Trafton, A. P., William W. Gregory, Durant H. Tillett.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

J. C. Bell, Nat. Perkins, N. S. Burgess, John A. Brockett, A. Dozier, W. A. Duke, Isaac Morrisett, B. F. Gilbert, Thos. Sanderlain, W. R. Forbes, Jos. C. Ferebee, E. Forbes, Isaac M. Forbes, D. Burgess, C. C. Williams, Wm. Newbern, Dr. R. C. Perkins, Israël Frenshaw.

Initiated 4; passed 1; raised 1; rejected 2; suspended 0; expelled 1; admitted 1; withdrawn 8; died 1; residents not members 18; whole number 60.

Regular time of meeting, second Saturday in each month.

GREENSBORO' LODGE, NO. 76, GREENSBORO'.

OFFICERS:

John F. Howlett, Worshipful Master; R. P. Dick, Senior Warden; J. A. Pritchett, Junior Warden; D. N. Sherwood, Secretary; C. M. Flin, Treasurer; J. B. Balsley, Senior Deacon; D. N. Kirkpatrick, Junior Deacon; A. L. Clark, Tyler.

MEMBERS:

Wm. Archer, P. Adams, Wm. Adams, G. M. Adams, D. E. Albright, G. W. Albright, H. H. Brady, O. Boon, K. M. Coble, D. P. Coble, J. M. Climer, N. G. Crier, Jno. Crier, C. C. Cole, B. L. Cole, J. L. Cole, J. J. Chitty, C. A. Colly, J. R. Coe, W. S. Clark, R. W. Cole, W. A. Dunn, Rev. C. F. Deems, T. Davis, J. P. Denny, R. W. Denny, F. A. Dowler, J. D. Donnell, John Eudy, W. C. A. Frierichs, A. B. Gardner, I. H. Gardner, G. Gardner, R. W. Glenn, J. E. Gamble, E. T. Garrett, B. G. Graham, D. P. Gregg, J. B. Gretter, G. H. Gregory, J. W. Howlett, J. A. Houston, Jno. Hiatt, L. J. Hawley, David L. Hale, E. A., Nathan Hiatt, Nicholas Holt, W. P. Heath, N. H. Hanner, W. S. Hill, J. F. Hoskins, E. Hauser, B. D. Johnson, J. F. Jollee, J. Kirkman, J. Kuhl, D. Kersey, J. M. Knoulton, J. H. Livingston, J. H. Lindsay, S. Lander, J. R. McLean, J. A. Moring, C. M. Moring, W. P. Moring, J. B. Marsh, W. R. McCuiston, W. D. McMurray, W. J. McConnell, E. O. Macey, R. H. Massy, R. D. McCuiston, W. A. McKinnie, J. Marsh, J. D. Poindexter, H. H. Prather, W. J. Parker, T. J. Patrick, J. W. Parker, G. Patterson, W. G. Scott, T. I. Sandridge, B. H. Stanmire, L. Sommerell, J. Stewart, H. Schneider, C. A. Shults, A. P. Sperry, C. A. Sperry, M. S. Sherwood, J. D. M. Springs, Jos. Shelton, S. M. Simpson, W. C. Smith, J. H. Tarpley, R. D. Thorn, P. Thurston, D. M. Thorn, I. Thornburg, Wm. Tate, S. W. Westbrooks, J. A. Weatherly, A. Whittington, T. M. Whittington, F. W. Watson, S. White, N. C. White, W. A. Winbourne, E. G. Watson, C. White, H. J. Warren, W. Wilson, E. J. Wade, J. R. Wharton, Rev. M. L. Wood, S. V. Young, W. M. Young.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

Rev. L. S. Burkhead, Wm. H. Cumming, I. J. Collier, J. T. Dodson, Hon. Jno. M. Dick, Jas. W. Dick, R. Gorrell, Joab Hiatt, M. Jordan, C. P. Mendenhall, James A. Long, L. Swaim, D. Scott, Sr., Rev. N. H. D. Wilson, Rev. Joshua Bethel, J. W. Nance.

Initiated 14; passed 13; raised 13; rejected 1; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 1; withdrawn 1; died 6; residents not members 16; whole number 141.

Regular time of meeting, first Saturday night in each month, and on Tuesday night of Superior and County Courts.

SHARON LODGE, NO. 78, GREENVILLE.

OFFICERS:

S. E. Milburn, Worshipful Master; J. J. Nobles, Senior Warden; W. L. Cherry, Junior Warden; W. J. Evans, Treasurer; James Murray, Secretary; Henry W. Brown, Senior Deacon; Henry Fleming, Junior Deacon; Franklin Bell, Tyler.

MEMBERS:

Marshall Dickenson, Goold Hoyt, J. Worsley, Bynum Teal, S. S. Spain, Jesse Adams, C. Rountree, R. Stokes, L. Barnhill, M. Spier, S. Daniel, Titus Allen, W. Nobles, Caleb Cannon, Peter Rieves, Thos. A. Gorham, M. Rice, W. L. Mooring, H. Langley, H. G. Barnhill, E. C. Yellowley, W. M. Brown, M. Long, T. R. Cherry, J. O. Cherry, J. W. L. Nobles, Samuel Brown, Henry Martin, Henry Wilkes, Wm. C. Brown, Arch'd Beddard, B. G. Albritton, A. G. Jordan, W. S. Hanrahan, W. J. Blow.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

J. S. Clark, C. Perkins, G. W. Johnson, F. B. Satterthwaite, G. E. B. Singeltary, Charles Green, James T. McClenahan, Rev. H. S. Spivey, Dabney Cosby, John Cosby.

Initiated 0; passed 0; raised 0; rejected 0; suspended 2; expelled 0; admitted 0; withdrawn 7; died 1; residents not members 10; whole number 53.

Regular time of meeting, first Friday night in each and every month.

ZION LODGE, NO. 81, TRENTON.

OFFICERS:

John M. F. Rhodes, Worshipful Master; F. Merritt, Senior Warden; John Shackleford, Junior Warden; Calvin Koonce, Treasurer; Benj. Brock, Jr., Secretary; Simon E. Koonce, Senior Deacon; J. H. Nethercutt, Junior Deacon; J. Q. Mallard, Tyler.

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J. M. Gunn, A. H. Johnson, W. A. Cox, J. S. Koonce, W. B. Becton, E. W. Haywood, R. F. Green, J. C. B. Koonce, E. D. Jones, J. F. Fisher, Wm. McDaniel, F. B. Harrison, P. M., E. B. Isler, F. Strickland, James G. Stanly, E. S. F. Giles, A. G. Eubanks, Benj. Smith, John H. Jones, L. G. Woodard, Lewis Hargett, W. C. Kincey, J. L. Savage, N. Canaday, Cyrus Brown, Wm. K. Chambers, John N. Hyman, R. J. R. Hatch.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

Thomas J. Whitaker, E. F. B. Koonce.

Initiated 4; passed 4; raised 4; rejected 0; suspended 0; expelled 1; admitted 0; withdrawn 1; died 0; residents not members 2; whole number 38.

Regular time of meeting, third Saturday in every month.

MT. MORIAH LODGE, NO. 82, STATESVILLE.

OFFICERS:

A. K. Simonton, Worshipful Master; W. M. Campbell, Senoir Warden; A. W. Jamison, Junior Warden; O. Gillispie, Treasurer; W. H. Sandford, Secretary; H. Reynolds, Senior Deacon; F. J. Pond, Junior Deacon; J. F. Harbin, Tyler.

MEMBERS:

Edwin Falls, T. J. W. Kerr, W. B. Smith, J. F. Long, J. W. Long, W. B. Grant, A. R. Lawrence, R. M. Johnson, W. S. Neil, W. F. Wasson, W. L. Davidson, James Sloan, W. F. Morrison, J. M. Brawley, J. R. Simonton, A. Lentz, W. H. Watts, R. F. Simonton, P. M., E. M. Campbell, P. M., Hugh Kelly, R. M. Allison, T. J. Armstrong, H. W. Ayer, W. Denton, D. D. Dougherty, H. F. Elliott, C. M. Eidson, W. L. Jenkins, W. T. Pickert, S. J. Pickert, A. Rhyne, W. S. Tate, W. A. Eliason, R. P. Campbell.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

J. H. McLaughlin, Jacob Davis, J. A. Hendricks.

Initiated 3; passed 3; raised 2; rejected 0; suspended 0; expelled 1; admited 0; withdrawn 1; died 0; residents not members 3; whole number 42.

Regular time of meeting, second Friday night of every month, and Tuesday night of each Court, and the 24th of June and 27th of December.

LAFAYETTE LODGE, NO. 83, JACKSONVILLE.

OFFICERS:

E. W. Ward, Worshipful Master; E. W. Fonville, Senior Warden; Elijah Murrill, Jr., Junior Warden; A. J. Johnson, Secretary; O. Huggins, Treasurer; J. F. Murrill, Senior Deacon; Frank Frazle, Junior Deacon; A. J. Murrill, J. O. Frazle, Stewards; W. E. Burns, Tyler.

MEMBERS:

E. W. Montfort, W. P. Pellitier, M. L. F. Redd, C. B. Glover, David Marshall, W. D. Humphrey, Sam'l Shepard, E. F. B. Koonce, B. Greer, R. F. Williams, D. N. Cox, L. W. Humphrey, Eli W. Sanders, C. S. Hewitt, J. E. Shivar, J. L. Bryan, G. J. Ward, L. O. Henderson, L. O. Fonville, J. J. Ellis, J. N. Sanders, W. L. Stephens, H. W. King, R. S. McLean, J. B. Frazle, J. R. Fonville, B. Hansley, Jno. Cook, E. Beasly, F. S. Humphrey, J. H. Foy, D. A. Humphrey, B. B. Barry, R. F. Pellitier, B. W. Fonville, W. H. Hurst, S. Gornto, D. W. Jenkins, J. Jones.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

A. J. Hurst, W. L. McDonald, Seth King.

Initiated 4; passed 2; raised 2; rejected 3; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 0; withdrawn 2; died 1; residents not members 3; whole number 49.

Regular time of meeting, second Saturday of every month.

FELLOWSHIP LODGE, NO. 84, SMITHFIELD.

OFFICERS:

R. D. Atkinson, Worshipful Master; Wm. H. Avera, Senior Warden; P. Godwin, Junior Warden; A. Holland, Secretary; David S. Avera, Treasurer; Ed. Sanders, Senior Deacon; B. A. Woodall, Junior Deacon; Z. Hill, Tyler.

MEMBERS:

E. Rogers, Wm. B. Sanders, Dr. A. F. Telfair, W. Earp, J. C. Codner, P. M., William H. Cullom, H. B. Watson, P. M., C. J. Binghams, Ray Phillips, K. M. C. Williamson, Rev. Paul J. Caraway, L. B. Godwin, Isham Woodall, A. D. Northam, T. W. Woodall.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

David Lunceford, P. Richardson, W. R. Moore, William H. Morning, John E. Allen, Dr. J. R. Thompson.

Initiated 1; passed 2; raised 3; rejected 0; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 1; withdrawn 1; died 0; residents not members 6; whole number 23.

Regular time of meeting, second Saturday in each month, and on St. Johns' days.

MORNING STAR LODGE, NO. 85, NASHVILLE.

OFFICERS:

J. A. Drake, Worshipful Master; B. H. Sorsby, Senior Warden; Wm. T. Griffin, Junior Warden; J. J. Q. Taylor, Secretary; J. H. Rackley, Treasurer; B. H. Vester, Senior Deacon; E. H. Cockrell, Junior Deacon; Wm. H. Joyner, Jeptha Lindsey, Stewards; Ruffin Griffin, Tyler.

MEMBERS:

John E. Lindsey, Benj. H. Vester, J. W. Vester, Wm. T. Arrington, John W. Powell, William P. Sledge, J. J. Bunn, Willis Barbee, W. W. Parker, A. J. Taylor, John H. Harrison, T. J. A. Cooper, Dr. N. J. Pittman, W. E. Spicer, Jesse Beal, Willie H. Cooper, S. J. Batchelor, W. B. Bergeron, W. Rentfro, G. E. B. Singeltary, Sidney Bunn, S. M. Warren, J. D. Wilkerson, D. L. Matthews, Dr. John G. F. Drake, N. W. Cooper, A. G. H. Cooper, E. N. Bryant, G. W. Cooper, John Cook, B. H. Joyner, Calvin Cooper, Redick Bergeron, N. W. Arrington, Jr., G. C. Deans, G. B. Bryant, James B. Bergeron, Redmon Thorn, W. W. Manning, Willis Warren, Francis M. Bowden, L. N. B. Battle, B. Daniel, W. Hopkins, J. H. Edwards, Dr. John H. Winstead, John P. Tillery, T. H. Scott, D. W. Williams, B. H. Blount, B. D. Mann, John R. Griffin, C. M. Joyner, J. J. Williams, John E. Batchelor, S. H. Griffin, H. H. Griffin, Jesse H. Drake, J. G. Fort, E. A., D. L. Hardy, E. A., J. P. Jenkins, John W. Barrett, John W. Jenkins, E. A., W. S. Batchelor, J. J. Drake, R. D. Wells, W. W. Weaver.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

Dr. Richard Short, Dr. J. M. Earls, W. R. Williams.

Initiated 3; passed 3; raised 1; rejected 0; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 0; withdrawn 2; died 0; residents not members 3; whole number 76.

Regular time of meeting, fourth Saturday in each month.

ENFIELD LODGE, NO. 88, ENFIELD.

OFFICERS:

H. Joyner, Worshipful Master; C. B. Corbitt, Senior Warden; J. H. Harrison, Junior Warden; J. R. Pope, Treasurer; J. R. Mason, Secretary; W. Burnett, Senior Deacon; William Bryant, Junior Deacon; James Stallings, Tyler; L. J. Ellinor, J. P. McAuliff, Stewards; L. W. Batchelor, Chaplain.

MEMBERS:

Thomas L. B. Gregory, M. C. Whitaker, A. McDaniel, T. Davis, Thomas Howington, William T. Ellinor, A. Crowell, S. E. Carlisle, E. Willie, W. H. G. Sykes, N. H. Murphey, E. P. Hollon, John E. Pittman, J. J. Westry, J. A. Pope, J. A. L. Comann, Reddic Stallings, M. L. Wiggins, Jas. Stamper, M. C. Heptinstall, John H. Branch, Thomas Glasgow, Uriah Benton, B. C. Bustin, J. Savage, W. H. Bradley, J. W. Brinkley, D. W. Dunn, S. Sherman.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

Edward Crowell, James H. Parker, L. L. Moore, Wm. Bustin.

Initiated 8; passed 7; raised 7; rejected 1; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 1; withdrawn 1; died 1; residents not members 4; whole number 42.

Regular time of meeting, first Monday night and every third Saturday in each month.

SKEWARKEY LODGE, NO. 90, WILLIAMSTON.

OFFICERS:

W. W. Ward, Worshipful Master; S. W. Watts, Senior Warden; Wm. H. Harrell, Junior Warden; J. H. Thrower, Senior Deacon; W. Robason, Junior Deacon; T. E. Barnhill, Treasurer; J. J. Martin, Secretary; Samuel Hatton, Tyler.

MEMBERS:

Wm. H. Carstraphen, William R. Wheatley, H. W. Mizell, William W. Watts, William Stevenson, W. W. Andrews, Simon P. Everette, Enoch B. Forbes, Jos. Griffin, J. A. Lipscomb, Rev. John D. Halstead, Rob't S. Halsey, James Mizell, L. Cooper, Sr., G. L. Moore, Lafayette Thrower, J. Comander, Aug. Moore, E. P., Henry P. Gibson, Jesse A. Cahoon, John C. Lamb, L. E. Satterthwaite, Charles W. Knight, J. L. Ewell, E. P., John B. Lilly.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

Levi S. Tate, L. Warrick, L. S. Shepherd, John Hyman, Henry B. Smithwick, R. B. Smith, Mason Jones, S. C. Whitley, Jesse Martin.

Initiated 10; passed 7; raised 7; rejected 0; suspended 1; expelled 1; admitted 1; withdrawn 5; died 1; residents not members 9; whole number 43.

WESTERN STAR LODGE, NO. 91, RUTHERFORDTON.

OFFICERS:

A. R. Bryan, Worshipful Master; J. W. Kilpatrick, Senior Warden; A. Hamly, Junior Warden; L. P. Erwin, Secretary; M. O. Dickerson, Treasurer; W. L. Twitty, Senior Deacon; J. W. Blanton, Junior Deacon; E. Blackwell, Tyler.

MEMBERS:

T. H. W. Whitesides, James H. Whitesides, Thos. Edgerton, C. Mills, W. S. Mills, J. W. Harris, Thomas Dowler, James V. Jay, L. Twitty, Geo. B. Ford, Thomas McKinney, C. Leventhrope, W. A. Fenner, M. D. Craton, M. L. Davis, R. D. Wilkins.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

R. M. Robinson, E. Bryan, C. T. N. Davis.

Initiated 5; passed 1; raised 5; rejected 1; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 0; withdrawn 3; died 1; residents not members 3; whole number 27.

Regular time of meeting, second Monday in each month, and Tuesdays of Superior Court weeks.

JOSEPH WARREN LODGE, NO. 92, STANTONSBURG.

OFFICERS:

A. J. Ellis, Worshipful Master; J. P. Edmondson, Senior Warden; W. R. Bass, Junior Warden; J. H. Applewhite, Senior Deacon; J. T. Graves, Junior Deacon; E. Sauls, Treasurer; G. W. Lane, Secretary; Willie Smith, Tyler; Bryant Minshew, Henry Martin, Stewards.

MEMBERS:

Wash. Barnes, L. T. Daniel, Gabriel Lane, Henry Pope, Bryant Little, M. Sauls, W. Pope, W. Sauls, E. Bass, J. Carter, J. H. Minshew, B. T. Outland, W. R. Mattox, Mordecai Bass, John V. Sherard, J. T. Weaver, Henry Gay, C. C. Peacock, W. L. Edwards, John Wilkinson, Gray C. Garris, R. A. Ellis, Patrick Byrum, J. J. Edmondson, J. P. Rodgers, J. W. Rowe, Benj. Crocker, W. K. Blow, Lang. Barnes, A. J. Upchurch, Gabriel Sherard.

Initiated 4; passed 4; raised 4; rejected 2; suspended 1; expelled 0; admitted 0; withdrawn 3; died 0; residents not members 4; whole number 45.

Regular time of meeting, first Saturday in each month.

JERUSALEM LODGE, NO. 95, HOOKERTON.

OFFICERS:

John M. Patrick, Worshipful Master; Samuel D. Pope, Senior Warden; I. Jones, Junior Warden; W. Thomas Dixon, Secretary; Cullen Edwards, Treasurer; F. Thomas, Senior Deacon; Henry Grady, Junior Deacon; John W. Dixon, Tyler; Rev. Nathan A. Hooker, Chaplain; John H. Coward, Marshal; W. J. Pope, R. D. Warren, Stewards.

MEMBERS:

A. A. Allen, Chas. Edwards, Ruffin Granger, Isham Dixon, H. Granger, John W. Harp, Jesse Hart, Arch'd B. Daves, S. G. Abbot, Rev. S. W. Ormond, Wm. R. Frizzle, Jas. L. Canady, C. T. Edwards, Noah J. Allen, W. Sumerel, Calvin Tucker, D. M. Morrow, Calvin Cox, G. L., H. C. Edwards, W. Harrel, J. J. Ormond, W. F. Edwards, Asa McCoy, Job Grizard, W. F. Williams, J. H. Joyner, W. G. Harp, Jesse T. Davis, E. Brooks, D. A. Hill, J. Q. Jackson, Titus Carr, Jesse Nelson, W. J. Tutan, J. E. F. Harp, Dr. A. Spivey, John Patrick, Dr. F. M. Rountree, Allen Grimsley, W. H. Rountree, S. Burton, Wm. Hooker, Josephus Pittman.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

John Granger, Jos. Bramd, F. Ormond, E. V. Coward, Joel Patrick.

Initiated 10; passed 10; raised 10; rejected 2; suspended 1; expelled 0; admitted 10; withdrawn 2; died 3; residents not members 5; whole number 58.

Regular time of meeting, second Saturday in every month.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, NO. 96, KINSTON.

OFFICERS:

W. W. Dunn, Worshipful Master; John S. Davis, Senior Warden; H. R. Strong, Junior Warden; Jesse Jackson, Treasurer; John J. Coleman, Secretary; Dr. J. P. Bryan, Senior Deacon; Levi A. Mewbern, Junior Deacon; C. L. Davis, A. H. Evans, Stewards; Warren Kilpatrick, Tyler.

MEMBERS:

Henry F. Bond, P. M., Dr. H. W. Blount, Rev. E. A. Best, Wm. Cannon, Dr. Leroy Chappell, Jesse Cobb, R. E. Davis, J. G. Davis, A. S. Dickinson, A. Harvey, M. Harvey, T. A. Heath, R. J. Herring, J. M. Hines, N. Hunter, J. Jackson, G. W. Jones, Lewis Kilpatrick, S. B. Kilpatrick, Dr. J. M. Kilpatrick, Wm. Mosely, D. H. Phillips, Reddin Pope, William A. Pugh, S. H. Rountree, P. M., Thos. W. Rouse, J. F. I. Sutton, Wm. Sutton, S. J. Sutton, R. B. Taylor, Wm. G. Taylor, S. B. Taylor, G. W. Venters, Jas. B. Webb, William B. West, B. C. West, Dr. T. A. Woodley, F. C.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

Lewis C. Desmond, Benj. F. Davis, Pinkney Hardee, J. G. Herring, Rich'd Kennedy, R. W. King, Alex'r Wilson, Dr. Thomas Woodley.

Initiated 2; passed 3; raised 2; rejected 3; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 0; withdrawn 2; died 1; residents not members 8; whole number 55.

Regular time of meeting, second Wednesday in every month.

WAKE FOREST LODGE, NO. 97, DUNNSVILLE.

OFFICERS:

J. S. Ray, Worshipful Master; J. H. Bell, Senior Warden; J. B. Lassiter, Junior Warden; J. H. Norwood, Secretary; P. Dunn, Treasurer; Thomas Yeargin, Senior Deacon; T. C. Robertson, Junior Deacon; H. L. Ray, Tyler; Prof. W. T. Brooks, Chaplain.

MEMBERS:

E. E. Gill, G. W. Norwood, Dr. Thos. Hicks, H. A. Murrell, H. P. Gill, J. R. Jeffrys, J. R. Cooper, A. Young, W. L. Terrell, G. B. Allen, J. Clough, J. W. Watford, Jos. Yeargin, W. A. Dunn, F. C., Rev. J. S. Purifoy.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

Dr. J. B. Dunn, Reddick Hunter, Turner Pullen, J. R. Dunn, L. W. Robertson, P. A. Dunn, Jacob Hunter, W. J. Eddings, James A. Hicks.

Initiated 2; passed 2; raised 2; rejected 1; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 0; withdrawn 1; died 0; residents not members 9; whole number 33.

Regular time of meeting, second Saturday in every month.

HIRAM LODGE, NO. 98, CLINTON.

OFFICERS:

Sihon B. Killett, Worshipful Master; Thomas L. Pugh, Senior Warden; John Vann, Junior Warden; A. B. Chestnutt, Treasurer; J. R. Beaman, Secretary; Isaac Boykin, Senior Deacon; John T. Fort, Junior Deacon; E. Underwood, Tyler; Rev. Hugh McAlpin, Chaplain.

MEMBERS:

Thos. I. Faison, Isaiah Thompson, J. M. Moseley, Wm. C. Butler, J. Bass, J. T. Molton, Fleet Cooper, A. M. Blackburn, Francis Pugh, Hardy Herring, Ollen Williamson, Jas. Armstrong, W. H. Smith, Thos. Underwood, Jas. A. Bizzell, Amos Herring, Wm. E. Pugh, Wm. J. Parker, S. Senter, Luke A. Powell, Wm. Williamson, Wright Gregory, A S. C. Powell, T. Moore, P. W. Ballard, J. W. Roberts, D. W. Jackson, Joel Jackson, Wm. H. Herring, H. H. West, Jacob Underwood, John Barden, J. A. R. Howard, J. Wilson, C. T. Stevens, James H. Stevens, P. L. Cromartie, John A. McArthur, John Dudley, G. W. Autrey, W. W. Bordeaux.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

Wm. T. Kerby, O. H. Johnson, E. Peterson, John K. Smith, H. J. Hobbs, H. A. Bizzell, John Moore, E. Bass, Wm. J. Thompon, L. C. Graves, Peter B. Troublefield.

Initiated 8; passed 8; raised 8; rejected 1; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 0; withdrawn 1; died 1; residents not members 10; whole number 64.

Regular time of meeting, third Friday in every month.

FULTON LODGE, NO. 99, SALISBURY.

OFFICERS:

C. A. Henderson, Worshipful Master; Alex'r Murdoch, Senior Warden; W. L. Saunders, Junior Warden; B. F. Fraley, Treasurer; R. H. Broad-

field, Secretary; James Slater, Senior Deacon; F. C. Schafer, Junior Deacon; A. W. Buis, Tyler.

MEMBERS:

J. M. Brown, John D. Brown, R. P. Bessent, A. H. Caldwell, W. Cranford, J. F. Chambers, J. W. Clark, Jacob Correll, J. M. Coffin, D. A. Davis, J. H. Ennis, J. W. Ellis, J. B. Farris, H. S. Gorman, A. G. Holder, R. E. Love, W. Lambeth, E. Myers, M. S. McKenzie, A. J. Mock, W. Murdoch, Hugh Murdoch, R. W. Mills, R. S. Moran, Jno. Munroe, A. M. Nesbitt, W. Overman, C. L. Partee, Wm. Rouzee, T. P. Ricaud, John I. Shaver, J. J. Summerell, C. D. Smith, R. H. Smith, John Steel, R. Slater, M. S. Sloop, M. Whitehead, O. Woodson, J. A. Weirman, J. A. Welch, R. G. McLean, E. A., J. L. Headricks, E. A., W. Williams, E. A., J. F. Moore, E. A.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

Myer Myers, Abram Myers, B. R. Moore, Ira Reynolds, H. W. Sossamon, J. C. Turner, S. Frankford, R. Harrison, L. Blackmer, H. C. Simonton.

Initiated 2; passed 4; raised 3; rejected 0; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 1; withdrawn 4; died 0; residents not members 10; whole number 49.

Regular time of meeting, first Friday night in every month, and Tuesday night of every Court, and feast of St. John the Evangelist.

WARREN LODGE, NO. 101, KENANSVILLE.

OFFICERS:

Henry Grimes, Worshipful Master; Wm. B. Middleton, Senior Warden; J. P. Charles, Junior Warden; T. S. Watson, Secretary; J. Chesnutt, Treasurer; John D. Stanford, Senior Deacon; George Cooper, Junior Deacon; A. M. Rackley, Tyler; J. H. Judge, Steward.

MEMBERS:

J. D. Carr, Wm. Farrior, N. J. Farrior, T. J. Carr, O. R. Kenan, Jno. W. Hall, Gibson Carr, George Smith, J. J. Whitehead, J. E. Swinson, Benajah Worthington, J. Cannon, Oliver Herring, N. B. Whitfield, P. Merritt, L. G. Bass, G. W. Wallis, G. Taylor, J. J. Bizzell, W. Murray, G. W. Lamb, T. E. Shepherd, Abner Robinson, H. G. Maxwell, C. H. Harris, Bryan Casey, Jno. E. Hussey, T. L. Faison, J. H. Maxwell, J. D. Southerland, W. J. Houston.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

J. D. Pearsall, J. Murray, Isaac B. Kelly, J. Maxwell, T. J. Kennair, R. R. S. Stanly, A. T. Stanford, James G. Branch, J. W. Peterson.

Initiated 3; passed 3; raised 4; rejected 3; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 1; withdrawn 2; died 0; residents not members 9; whole number 40.

Regular time of meeting, second Friday in each and every month.

COLUMBUS LODGE, NO. 102, PITTSBORO'.

OFFICERS:

Jno. W. Hatch, Worshipful Master; Leonidas J. Merritt, Senior Warden; Junius A. Alston, Junior Warden; Robert G. Eubanks, Treasurer; Joseph Thompson, Secretary; John S. McClenahan, Senior Deacon; J. J. Knight, Junior Deacon; R. J. Hatch, Tyler; W. Haithcock, O. Newlin, Stewards.

MEMBERS:

J. A. Hanks, Jno. Neal, Wm. S. Gunter, Wm. J. Jollee, W. A. Nash, W. T. Fox, H. H. Burke, P. McCoy, J. J. Jackson, R. McIntosh, W. Harris, J. R. McIntosh, Wm. Carter, G. R. Griffith, H. H. Hatch, Isaac Long, Sidney Yarboro, J Q. A. Leach, A. Eubanks, Thos. E. Glass, O. A. Stedman, J. A. McDonald, J. W. Holt, Rev. W. B. Richardson, Rev. J. W. Tinnin, Wesley Pendergrass, M. McCollum, W. C. Stedman, H. H. Yeargin, R. E. Rives, R. C. Cotton, Jr., S. Henly, Jona. Lamb, J. W. B. Lassiter, Jno. C. Dennis, J. W. Hackney, Wm. Kivett, J. W. Taylor, J. J. Taylor, J. M. Ellington, J. B. McClenahan, Wm. McClenahan, Wm. D. Riddle, N. S. Burk, Jos. Rosser, J. J. Collier, A. B. Gunter, J. Millican, W. N. Poe, O. S. Poe, C. B. Clegg, W. J. Sloan, A. G. Marks, O. M. Neal, Thos. J. Webster, Rob't Petty, B. F. Johnson, John A. Thompson, M. Johnson, F. C., J. J. Crump, E. P., J. G. Webster, E. P.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

David Murden, Nathan A. Ramsey, Wm. P. Taylor.

Initiated 4; passed 5; raised 5; rejected 2; suspended 1; expelled 0; admitted 0; withdrawn 2; died 3; residents not members 3; whole number 72.

Regular time of meeting, first Tuesday in every month, at 7 o'clock, P. M., and Tuesday evening of each and every Court, and St. Johns' days.

PASQUOTANK LODGE, NO. 103, ELIZABETH CITY.

OFFICERS:

Rufus K. Speed, P. M., Worshipful Master; Jos. A. Commander, Senior Warden; Arthur L. Butt, Junior Warden; S. D. Cartwright, Secretary; J. T. P. C. Cohoon, Treasurer; John B. Lyon, Senior Deacon; James B. Dyer, Junior Deacon; Thornton Gray, Tyler.

MEMBERS:

W. B. Reid, W. W. Burgess, A. H. Burcher, F. Vaughan, M. Sanderlin, Jr., C. Trublood, J. A. Turner, M. S. Sawyer, C. C. Green, W. W. Williams, S. D. Grice, R. White, Jos. Simmons, J. B. Fearing, J. W. Hinton, Geo. W. Brooks, George G. Musgrave, E. Berry, C. W. Grandy, F. H. Brothers, B. T. Miller, M. W. Cobb, Wm. E. Vaughan, P. C. Williams, T. J. Murden, J. R. Wood, Jas. R. Daughtie, Wm. E. Mann, Jas. Hobbs, John Benbury, T. M. Newby, S. Weisel, Wm. Banks, F. C., John M. Hinton, James Forbes, Val. Knight, F. C., F. M. Godfrey, E. A., M. W. Fatherly, E. A., W. G. Lamb.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

John C. Ehringhaus, Geo. W. Killinger, T. Hunter, P. A. R. C. Cohoon, John Pool, W. W. Griffin, W. P. Matthews.

Initiated 13; passed 14; raised 16; rejected 4; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 2; withdrawn 1; died 1; residents not members 7; whole number 53.

Regular time of meeting, second Thursday evening in each month.

ORR LODGE, NO. 104, WASHINGTON.

OFFICERS:

Rev. Edwin Geer, Worshipful Master; C. H. Latham, Senior Warden; S. B. Waters, Junior Warden; C. G. Meyer, Treasurer; Thos. Shaw, Secretary; F. J. Gardner, Senior Deacon; J. L. Brown, Junior Deacon; J. McGowan, Tyler; Rev. Israel Harding, Chaplain.

MEMBERS:

Jere. Abbott, H. P. Allen, Z. T. Adams, A. Baerman, C. G. Buckman, Wm. W. Brown, John B. Bonner, N. G. Beacham, Chas. W. Bonner, R. Chas. Cherry, W. M. Cherry, J. L. Bell, W. N. Bonner, J. R. Cherry, J. Cahoon, H. Carrow, N. W. Cook, R. A. Chancy, W. B. Campbell, John Cherry, Jr., John Duffy, H. Dimock, J. D. Dowty, F. J. Davenport, Jas. Ellis, Wm. J. Ellison, W. H. D. Everstein, D. H. Farrow, J. H. Farrow, Sam'l H. Forbes, J. A. Farrow, E. Gantier, H. L. Gaylord, M. M. Gray, C. Gradeless, Jos. W. Gaskill, M. R. Gooding, Jno. A. Gallagher, W. R. Gaylord, Fred. Gallagher, E. D. Hoover, J. S. Hawks, H. Hodges, J. G. Hodges, E. G. Hodges, L. H. Hodges, N. B. Hodges, Jno. Harriss, H. F. Hancock, W. A. Harriss, W. L. Kennedy, D. W. Jones, G. A. Latham, D. H. Latham, J. E. Leggett, S. W. Lucas, Rev. T. J. Latham, Robert Munroe, Wm. M. Marsh, N. B. Mitchell, E. H. Putnam, Wm. A. Potts, T. L. Perry, N. Potter, J. B. Ross, N. Robason, O. F. Rue, T. D. Smaw, D. A. Satterthwaite, P. P. Spencer, J. W. Smallwood, Wm. Shaw, Jr., J. W. Satchwell, B. F. Styron, J. C. Tooley, H. Toland, J. F. Tompkins, J. T. Wilkerson, A. Warner, R. Willis, D. Wharton, J. H. Williams.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

Jas. Ellison, Sr., Thomas Smallwood, J. B. Lucas, D. B. Perry, Alfred Latham, A. G. Wilson, J. A. Stanly, Jas. Hardy Williams, Wm. Shaw, Sr., Geo. A. Faires, J. F. King, S. A. O'Daniels, J. Tayloe, W. Farrow, H. A. Ellison, F. R. Satterthwaite, J. W. Redding, J. McCluer, A. McJones, J. C. Verran.

Initiated 5; passed 3; raised 6; rejected 9; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 0; withdrawn 3; died 1; residents not members 20; whole number 91.

PERQUIMONS LODGE, NO. 106, HERTFORD.

OFFICERS:

William Felton, Worshipful Master; Francis Barron, Senior Warden; Dr. J. T. Smith, Junior Warden; D. Barclift, Secretary; Benoni Morris, Treasurer; Wm. Small, Senior Deacon; John Skinner, Junior Deacon; John G. Berry, Tyler.

MEMBERS:

J. M. Cox, P. M., W. H. Bagley, P. M., J. G. Granberry, D. G. L., P. M., M. O. Jordan, J. W. Albertson, P. M., A. J. Ounley, D. White, M. S. Berry, M. D. Hathaway, E. Stokes, J. C. Skinner, E. B. Sutton, J. H. White, Rev. Wm. Grant, W. M. Fleetwood, Samuel Sutton, Willis N. Saunders, Rev. John A. Doll, Sol. Easen, J. W. Mullen, Rev. Joseph H. Riddick, J. R. White, J. C. Jacocks, Rev. Thos. H. Pritchard, Rev. T. L. Williams, Rev. D. V. Etheridge, W. Myers, Rev. Wm. G. Williams, N. Newby, C. R. Stokes, Jesse Wilson, John S. Skinner.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

Edwin Brace, F. Nixon, Sr., W. Read, J. L. Ferrell, N. Winslow, W. Nixon, Dr. J. N. Butt, N. Bagley, J. L. Gatling, Rich'd Felton, Watson White, H. H. Skinner, Dr. S. W. Street, A. L. Butt.

Initiated 1; passed 0; raised 1; rejected 0; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 2; withdrawn 6; died 0; residents not members 14; whole number 54.

Regular time of meeting, first Saturday in every month, and the second Mondays in February, May, August and November; also the third Monday after the fourth in September and March, and the anniversary of St. Johns.

CLINTON LODGE, NO. 107, YANCEYVILLE.

OFFICERS:

John A. Graves, Worshipful Master; Allen Gunn, Senoir Warden; William H. Chiles, Junior Warden; Thomas H. Hatchett, Treasurer; J. C. Griffith, Secretary; Albert A. Patillo, Senior Deacon; S. N. Dunn, Junior Deacon; N. W. Lyon, Tyler.

MEMBERS:

W. A. Fretwell, A. Willis, Dr. N. M. Roan, R. Ferguson, W. P. Watlington, J. W. Cobb, Dr. W. H. Henderson, C. R. Rice, J. S. Graves, S. B. Blackwell, W. G. Blackwell, S. B. Cobb, Dr. T. C. Dodson, F. Graves, F. L. Warren, Geo. W. Pinnix, Dr. Jas. T. Ware, S. A. Rice, Thos. W. Graves, W. H. Rice, Wm. R. Neal, John Kerr, Wm. M. Lloyd, Dr. Jas. K. Pinnix, E. P., A. Slade, C. W. West, B. H. Carter, Dr. T. J. Watlington, Wm. P. Brown, Jos. M. Swift, A. S. Williamson, W. J. Totten, Rich'd Maynard, Dr. J. D. Wimple, Dr. H. Terrell, M. Noland, Rufus L. Wright, Wm. Hopkins, E. P., Wm. F. Butler, A. B. Walker, D. Y. Murphey, F. A. Wiley, S. S. Harrison, W. A. Dameron, S. F. Murray, R. Y. McAden, C. D. Vernon, J. M. Jones, John W. Williamson, F. C., L. Fills.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

O. C. Fowler, Elijah Graves, E. P., T. T. Watlington, Wm. Corbett.

Initiated 1; passed 1; raised 0; rejected 2; suspended 0; expelled 0; admited 1; withdrawn 0; died 0; residents not members 4; whole number 62.

Regular time of meeting, second Saturday night in each month, and on Tuesday night of every Court week, and on the feasts of St. Johns.

BELMONT LODGE, NO. 108, BEAR SWAMP.

OFFICERS:

James R. Hurst, Worshipful Master; B. F. Cobb, Senior Warden; J. W. Blount, Junior Warden; J. R. Ezzell, Treasurer; David Wright, Secretary; Daniel Bowden, Senior Deacon; J. D. Shine, Junior Deacon; Willis Southerland, Tyler; D. B. Newton, Steward.

MEMBERS:

S. Hill, T. B. Hill, W. M. Williamson, D. K. Kornegay, T. Wright, Jas. Williams, W. M. Bowden, C. Bradley, H. F. Murphey, J. R. Hatch, J. T. Rhodes, D. F. Jones, J. F. Shine, L. W. Hodges, J. G. Jackson.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

B. C. Bowden, C. D. Hill, A. R. Hicks, L. R. Loftin, F. B. Millard, M. C. Blount, J. Thompson, C. Thompson, J. G. Dickson, G. W. Wallace, W. E. Hill, H. B. Hurst, S. R. Ireland, R. W. Millard, J. T. Mathis.

Initiated 4; passed 4; raised 4; rejected 2; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 2; withdrawn 4; died 0; residents not members 15; whole number 39.

Regular time of meeting, first Saturday in each month.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, NO. 110, SMITHVILLE.

OFFICERS:

A. M. Guthrie, Worshipful Master; B. D. Morrill, Senior Warden; S. D. Thruston, Junior Warden; J. B. Price, Treasurer; Jesse G. Drew, Secretary; W. R. Sellers, Senior Deacon; T. M. Williams, Junior Deacon; R. Galloway, Tyler.

MEMBERS:

Sam'l Langdon, Sam'l Bell, J. Stanaland, D. Gilbert, T. G. Drew, J. A. S. Price, R. W. Woodside, J. Mercer, Sol. Bennett, J. C. Swain, C. C. Mercer, Geo. W. Swain, Jno. E. Woodside, Geo. T. Leonard, Jno. F. Pigott, D. K. Bennett, L. Leonard.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

J. Mathews, J. Davis, J. S. Newton, J. W. Galloway, F. Morse, Jas. Biggs, Wm. Mathews, C. G. Dasher, S. S. Grissom, T. McKeithen, S. C. Sleight, M. Biggs, P. Prolean.

Initiated 2; passed 2; raised 2; rejected 2; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 0; withdrawn 1; died 0; residents not members 13; whole number 38.

Regular time of meeting, second and last Thursdays in every month.

WAYNE LODGE, NO. 112, EVERETTSVILLE.

OFFICERS:

Abram Lane, Worshipful Master; Council W. Bizzell, Senior Warden; George Whitfield, Junior Warden; Jno. C. Rhodes, Treasurer; Wm. B. Whitfield, Secretary; Eli W. Hines, Senior Deacon; William Carraway, Junior Deacon; D. G. Jinnett, Tyler.

MEMBERS:

Jas. McDuffie, G. W. Collier, J. Fields, Wm. Vernon, T. T. Hollowell, J. Warrick, G. Kornegay, J. T. Toler, J. D. Capps, J. B. Griswold, Wm. Robinson, W. F. Kornegay, L. Martin, H. L. Bizzell, B. King, I. Rhodes, J. Cameron, J. B. Whitaker, Rob't Peel, D. C. Sherard, M. K. Crawford, Wooten Bizzell, E. G. Albertson, F. C. Patrick, H. B. Gardner, C. F. R. Kornegay, W. A. Thompson, John M. Thompson.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

Rich'd Washington, J. J. Baker, Dr. C. F. Dewey, J. G. Parker, John T. Kennedy, John Wright, Jos. Woltering, Dr. J. W. Davis.

Initiated 3; passed 2; raised 2; rejected 1; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 1; withdrawn 2; died 0; residents not members 8; whole number 35.

Regular time of meeting, second Saturday in each month.

PERSON LODGE, NO. 113, ROXBORO'.

OFFICERS:

John A. Bailey, Worshipful Master; John W. Hunt, Senior Warden; Dr. Willis M. Terrell, Junior Warden; Jones Drumwright, Treasurer; Robert Daniel, Secretary; Robert C. Bailey, Senior Deacon; Robert B. Trim, Junior Deacon; Smith L. Wiles, Tyler.

MEMBERS:

Dr. C. H. Jordan, P. M., E. G. Reade, Wm. R. Webb, Rev. Wm. O. Reid, Rev. James H. Brent, C. S. Winstead, Dr. C. H. Bradsher, B. B. Link, Thos. H. Nelson, C. Hamlen, Rev. J. P. Moore, Sam'l Winstead, A. Walker, Jas. H. Woody, T. W. Yellock, James M. Winstead, Jerry Dixson, J. J. Ellison, Moses A. Woody, Benj. R. Moore, W. F. Reade, John Baird, Wm. Daniel, Wm. Bradsher, M. Fuller, George L. Torian, A. J. Torian, John A. Barnett, Dr. J. R. Marable, B. P. Wagstaff, John Barnett, Allen H. Lunsford, John L. Harris, E. Ramey, J. C. Vanhook, Jr., Rob't Moore, William N. Allen, Rev. T. W. Moore, John A. Baird, John Jones, Benj. S. Allen, J. M. Wilkerson, A. J. Stone, Sol. O. Brant, John Pearce, John Philpott, Geo. Gray, Wm. H. Smith, Thos. Philpott, Jona. Terrell, William Moore, R. O. Hargis, Albert Yarborough, Thomas Webster, Ed. Whitfield, W. R. Graham, J. T. Critcher, Jas. M. Snipes, James D. Baird.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

A. R. Moore, G. B. Sutherland, J. P. Traynham, Thos. T. Satterfield.

Initiated 8; passed 11; raised 11; rejected 1; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 0; withdrawn 2; died 1; residents not members 4; whole number 67.

Regular time of meeting, third Saturday evening in each month.

ST. ALBAN'S LODGE, NO. 114, LUMBERTON.

OFFICERS:

R. E. Troy, Worshipful Master; J. A. Rowland, Senior Warden; R. S. Finch, Junior Warden; A. D. Brown, Secretary; James Blount, Treasurer; Eli Wishart, Senior Deacon; J. R. Carter, Junior Deacon; Henry Lammon, Tyler.

MEMBERS:

Wiley Alford, J. W. Alford, J. M. L. Alford, M. McN. Alford, J. H. Atkinson, Dr. J. A. Barnes, H. Bullock, R. Byrd, J. Breece, R. Birthright, F. Broadwell, Wm. J. Brown, J. A. Davis, A. H. Fullmore, H. B. Frances, B. L. Floyd, J. T. Harrington, C. Johnston, Benj. Inman, J. S. Little, E. V. B. Lee, J. C. Moore, Hector McNeill, H. F. Pittman, Hector McNeill, Jr., J. J. McLaughlin, Neill McNair, A. McMillan, E. Mitchell, N. Q. McLeod, A. H. McLeod, W. McDuffie, E. A., P. A. McEachin, J. B. McRae, R. J. Millsaps, A. Rowland, M. T. Sealey, Jas. Sealey, S. Sealey, N. T. Sealey, Jere. Smith, D. Townsend, J. W. Townsend, G. C. Taylor, J. Winslow, Rev. J. Williams, E. L. Ward, R. W. Taylor.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

Thos. A. Norment, Henry T. Pope, Dr. M. E. McNeill, H. R. McNeill, W. A. Rodgers, D. McKethan, J. N. Crosby, Geo. W. Daffron, W. S. Foulkes, J. B. Williams, D. H. Sherrill, Rev. D. W. Doub, J. A. Richardson, L. B. Godwin.

Initiated 5; passed 0; raised 2; rejected 1; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 0; withdrawn 2; died 0; residents not members 14; whole number 77.

Regular time of meeting, second and fourth Friday nights in each month.

HOLLY SPRINGS LODGE, NO. 115, HOLLY SPRINGS.

OFFICERS:

D. H. Stephenson, Worshipful Master; Allen Betts, Senior Warden; Geo. W. Atkinson, Junior Warden; A. S. Utley, Treasurer; S. M. Utley, Secretary; W. H Stinson, Senior Deacon; D. S. Stinson, Junior Deacon; David Fuquay, O. T. Williams, Stewards; Rev. Thomas G. Whitaker, Chaplain; E. Langston, Tyler.

MEMBERS:

J. H. Adams, A. W. Betts, A. N. Betts, R. M. Brown, A. J. Blanchard, A. K. Clements, W. W. Clements, W. J. Clements, W. J. W. Crowder, T. DuPre, Nat. DuPre, W. H. Franks, D. Gardner, John Gardner, N. Gardner, A. Hunter, P. M., Isaac Hunter, T. J. Hunter, J. Hackaday, J. M. Jones, J. L. Johnson, Austin Jones, Abner Lash'ey, A. Leslie, H. C. Lashley, Rev. J. C. Marcom, Ira Olive, L. Penny, Young Penny, James Rogers, P. M., A. E. Rowland, Gaston Utley, T. J. Utley, S. J. Utley, M. C. Utley, Alex. Spence, Ingram Spence, W. Senter, S. A. Smith, David Smith, J. B. Steadman, W. R. Stephenson, R. A. Spence, S. Trulove, A. J. Woodward, P. M., J. Woodward, T. J. Whitaker, R. H. Whitaker, G. H. Williams.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

Rev. P. W. Dowd, Rev. J. W. F. Rogers.

Initiated 1; passed 0; raised 0; rejected 1; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 0; withdrawn 1; died 1; residents not members 2; whole number 60.

Regular time of meeting, Saturday before the fourth Sunday in each month, and on the 24th of June and 27th of December.

MT. LEBANON LODGE, NO. 117, WILSON.

OFFICERS:

T. C. Davis, Worshipful Master; Albert Farmer, Senior Warden; E. T. Mayo, Junior Warden; B. E. Simms, Secretary; A. D. Farmer, Treasurer; R. D. Johnston, Senior Deacon; A. J. Simms, Junior Deacon; B. H. Lancaster, Tyler.

MEMBERS:

Alvin Atkinson, J. H. Armstrong, J. W. Aycock, J. Barbee, J. W. Barnes, H. F. Barnes, S. J. Barnes, J. H. Barnes, B. H. Barden, J. J. Braswell, J. B. Batts, Alfred Boykin, J. S. Boykin, R. H. Baker, D. W. Barnes, J. Beaman, Jas. Barnes, W. D. Boykin, A. Barnes, John Coleman, R. W. Clayton, P. P. Clark, Thos. Carson, J. T. Dew, A. B. Dew, A. R. Davis, J. B. Elliott, H. Eatmon, W. D. Farmer, L. D. Farmer, Josiah Farmer, B. E. Farmer, B. F. Foster, J. D. Farmer, Hugh Gallagher, Bennett Gay, G. H. Griffin, Wm. T. Gay, T. A. Granger, Wm. Hinnant, J. J. Hales, E. Joyner, W. Parker, C. J. Parker, Jesse Pittman, W. Pittman, W. L. Qualls, J. H. Rentfro, W. Swift, D. P Shallington, R. A. Savage, J. J. Taylor, Kinchen Taylor, F. W. Taylor, Perry Taylor, Jas. Tomlinson, Thos. Tomlinson, J. G. Williams, J. W. Williams.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

J. W. Farmer, Wm. Tomlinson, A. S. Cotton, E. G. Clark, Wm. Skinner, Jacob Taylor, John Wilxings.

Initiated 4; passed 4; raised 5; rejected 6; suspended 0; expelled 1; admitted 5; withdrawn 0; died 1; residents not members 7; whole number 69.

Regular time of meeting, second Saturday in every month.

MT. HERMON LODGE, NO. 118, ASHEVILLE.

OFFICERS:

Joshua Roberts, Worshipful Master; James A. Patton, Senior Warden; R. B. Vance, Junior Warden; T. W. Atkin, Treasurer; J. M. Israel, Secretary; G. W. Whitson, Senior Deacon; T. J. Harkins, Junior Deacon; E. H. Cunningham, Tyler.

MEMBERS:

Jas. W. Patton, J. R. Osborn, J. W. Wilson, D. Reynolds, T. T. Patton, Z. B. Vance, Rev. Jno Reynolds, Wm. W. Reynolds, J. M. Blair, J. Burgin, J. E. Patton, G. W. Shackleford, W. L. Hilliard, R. G. A. Love, S. L. Love, J. R. Neill, R. M. Henry, L M. Williams, M. L. Neilson, J. A. Fagg, A. E. Baird, H. F. Wolstenholm, C. Moore, J. Hilderbrand, M. M. Gaines, W. T. Dickinson, Geo. T. Spears, J. S. T. Baird, J. B. Rankin, W. G. Caudle, A. W. Cummings, A. F. Harris, T. W. Murrell, R. W. Patty, L. C. Delahmet, J. F. Woodfin, D. C. Taylor, Wm. Bryson, D. S. Plemmons, S. J. B. Plemmons, Moses Cockran.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

R. H. Chapman.

Initiated 6; passed 5; raised 5; rejected 2; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 1; withdrawn 2; died 1; residents not members 1; whole number 50.

Regular time of meeting, first Friday night in each month.

LOGAN LODGE, NO. 121, JAMESTOWN.

OFFICERS:

W. H. Reece, Worshipful Master; W. A. Coble, Senior Warden; G. W. D. Causey, Junior Warden; J. W. Patterson, Treasurer; W. G. Sapp, Secretary; S. T. Pickens, Senior Deacon; M. P. Nickelson, Junior Deacon; J. Church, Tyler; P. N. Wheeler, D. W. Edwards, Stewards.

MEMBERS:

Dr. S. G. Coffin, M. Hedgcock, H. Brown, D. Brown, James N. Mills, H. Armfield, N. Beard, C. J. Wheeler, L. M. Leach, J. Sullivan, M. Jones, W. W. Roberts, J. C. Lamb, S. C. Sapp, Wm. Lamb, J. A. Crouch, G. A. Carpenter, S. F. Merritt, H. M. Briggs, Rev. T. Barnum, Rev. B. Craven, Rev. J. N. B. Alford, Rev. J. Guyer, Rev. A. Gray, Rev. J. Causey, John H. McKinley, J. M. Armfield, Wm. Okely, K. M. Morrison, H. Ledbetter, L. L. Woodburn, H. Bunday, F. S. Carpenter, J. B. Davis, Rob't Coe, N. Mills, J. A. Woodburn, B. F. Briggs, R. H. Gray, B. F. Sullivan, J. J. Gordon, J. C. Hedgcock, E. F. Blair, O. M. Dixon, Wm. N. Armfield, W. T. Wright, W. T. Wright, W. J. Hicks, J. F. Leach, H. W. Horney, E. Hedgcock, J. Hedgcock, Wm. Hedgcock, N. Wright, H. H. Beeson, N. M. Gardner, P. Jeans, H. Potter, B. Y. Hunt, A. B. Hinshaw, Jed. Wright, E. W. Frazer, J. H. Jones, J. S. Binns, J. Robertson, J. W. Bales, J. A. Blaylock, A. P. Ledbetter, B. N. Smith, A. T. Molsinger, J. S. Swaim, John W. Freeman.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

Walter Palmer, David A. Widows, Lewis S. Reece, John S. Ray.

Initiated 4; passed 4; raised 4; rejected 3; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 2; withdrawn 6; died 1; residents not members 4; whole number 84.

Regular time of meeting, Saturday after full Moon in each month.

TUSCARORA LODGE, NO. 122, OXFORD.

OFFICERS:

Isaiah R. Fuller, Worshipful Master; Wm. A. Philpott, Senior Warden; Rob't W. Hobgood, Junior Warden; R. J. Mitchell, Treasurer; T. L. Hargrove, Secretary; James T. Littlejohn, Senior Deacon; Sol. Clark, Junior Deacon; David Lyman Latham, Tyler; Rev. R. J. Devin, Chaplain.

MEMBERS:

R. P. Taylor, T. H. Raney, T. B. Kingsbury, T. B. Venable, H. A. Taylor, L. C. Edwards, A. T. T. Jones, R. C. Dean, W. Royster, J. H. Strum, Ligon Hobgood, Asa Morris, J. D. Hobgood, R. T. Wood, Alex. Wood, M. V. B. Murray, B. D. Howard, Jas. Philpott, H. Duncan, A. Barker, S. G. Wilson, Alex. Satterwhite, J. F. Harris, J. W. Kelly, C. Allen, Wm. Turner, Wm. Crabtree, J. P. Montague, W. H. Reams, A. F. Reams, C. F. Reams, Jno. B. Reams, J. R. Buchanan, J. W. Booth, J. R. Howell, W. H. Paschall, L. A. Paschall, W. Lewis, A. G. Brown, Wilson Bareford, S. A. Williams, R. Atkinson, S. R. Trawick, B. C. Cook, E. W. Owen, D. T. Gillis, Thomas W. Pool, J. D. C. Pool, S. G. Hayes, D. Allen, W. N. Ellington, A. F. Spencer, R. W. Lassiter, Lyman Latham, P. P. Peace, Geo. W. Allen.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

H. C. Herndon, R. D. Hart, J. H. Horner, J. A. Collins, D. A. Paschall, W. Piper, John C. Taylor, R. F. Morris, B. Smith, Jno. A. Cox, Lewis Broddie, Calvin Betts.

Initiated 4; passed 4; raised 5; rejected 1; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 1; withdrawn 8; died 0; residents not members 12; whole number 66.

Regular time of meeting, first Monday of each month, except December, and then on the second Monday, and festivals of St. John the Baptist, and St. John the Evangelist.

FRANKLINTON LODGE, NO. 123, FRANKLINTON.

OFFICERS·

J. H. Whitfield, Worshipful Master; S. D. Beves, Senior Warden; John B. Winston, Junior Warden; J. J. Ward, Secretary; James S. Yarborough, Treasurer; W. M. Canady, Senior Deacon; J. H. Wiggins, Junior Deacon; B. J. Blackley, Tyler; W. C. Lankford, W. J. Winston, Stewards.

MEMBERS:

J. J. Harper, P. M., W. F. Hilliard, P. M., J. M. Stone, J. W. Bellomy, N. G. Whitfield, Charles Perry, S. C. Allen, G. Catlett, P. C. Person, T. F. Waddell, T. W. Short. J. J. Moore, F. J. Whitfield, W. P. Burroughs, T. J. Walker, B. Walker, W. D. Davis, L. Perry, S. M. Stone, Willie Perry, Jr., T. H. Conyers, J. W. Johnson, W. J. Beddingfield, Geo. Winston, Jr., W. Pearce, Y. A. Minnis, James T. Pearce, S. D. Williams, Jas. M. Conyers, A. H. Williams, J. Y. McGehee, D. S. Richardson. B. T. Green, M. J. Hunt, R. P. Overton, R. H. Pulley, A. L. Davis, C. C. Blacknall, H. S. Fuller, H. M. Whitley, D. Cole, R. L. Paschall, Jas. W. Fuller, G. W. Neal, O. H. Harris, W. A. Mitchell, Col. Isaac Winston, honorary member.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

R. C. Maynard, J. J. Thomas, Sr., H. W. Hargrove, R. S. Harris, R. S. Glenn, W. K. Martin.

Initiated 7; passed 6; raised 6; rejected 2; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 1; withdrawn 3; died 0; residents not members 6; whole number 56.

Regular time of meeting, second and last Saturday in every month.

CLINTON LODGE, NO. 124, LOUISBURG.

OFFICERS:

Ellis Malone, Worshipful Master; Jona. A. Stone, Senior Warden; J. J. Davis, Junior Warden; N. B. Walker, Treasurer; William H. Strother, Jr., Secretary; E. L. Stegall, Senior Deacon; A. C. Massenburg, Junior Deacon; Robert N. Stallings, Tyler; James H. Yarborough, John Neal, Stewards.

MEMBERS:

Davis Young, P. M., Wash. Harris, J. J. Jackson, Wm. B. Foster, H. L. Bennett, Thos. Moses, T. N. Carlisle, J. J. Minitree, R. G. Wynn, Thos. K. Thomas, J. B. Mann, S. L. Boon, J. B. Littlejohn, W. H. Furman, B. Perry, W. R. Debnam, W. D. Webb, James Wilson, B. Perry, J. W. Earles, J. W. Trawick, W. D. Earles, Thos. C. Horton, Rev. G. M. L. Finch, J. H. Brodie, W. F. Sykes, R. F. Yarborough, Irwin Wilder, S. L. Clark, J. W. Williams, A. D. Green, C. H. Thomas, W. H. Pleasants, H. Harris, D. C. Stone.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

W. H. Strother, Sr., W. P. Williams, T. B. Cook, W. T. Johnson, Alex'r McKnight, S. W. Brodie, J. Cook, W. M. B. Arendell, N. B. Massenburg, N. J. Barham.

Initiated 4; passed 4; raised 4; rejected 0; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 4; withdrawn 4; died 0; residents not members 10; whole number 51.

Regular time of meeting, first Thursday in each month, and on the anniversaries of St. John the Baptist, and St. John the Evangelist.

MILL CREEK LODGE, NO. 125, JOHNSTON.

OFFICERS:

J. C. Eason, Worshipful Master; Wm. H. Bryan, Senior Warden; L. C. King, Junior Warden; John Harper, Treasurer; E. A. Bizzell, Secretary; Dr. J. C. Monk, Senior Deacon; J. H. Bryan, Junior Deacon; John Williams, Tyler.

MEMBERS:

J. H. Willims, P. M., R. Lee, J. Dupree, B. B. Rose, L. Eldridge, R. Manly, Ivey Lee, L. W. Blackman, G. P. Rose, N. Granthum, David C. King, A. Thornton, B. S. Parker, U. W. Cox, N. B. Stevens, R. Rayner, E. S. Jones, James Tart, William Hudson, M. Lee, D. H. Bridges, A. Martin, E. Ritch, J. T. Westbrook, George Barfield, J. F. Barfield, S. S. Thornton, B. Granthum, J. L. Bunn, T. Thorntorn, Thomas D. Snead, J. B. Cox.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

Nathan Williams, E. Smith, W. R. Parker, H. Grantham, A. Monk, Wm. B. Smith, J. F. Sanders, B. W. Lee.

Initiated 1; passed 1; raised 0; rejected 1; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 0; withdrawn 2; died 0; residents not members 8; whole number 48.

SUNSBURY LODGE, NO. 126, GATESVILLE.

OFFICERS:

Wm. T. Parker, Worshipful Master; W. H. Harrell, Senior Warden; James R. Hofler, Junior Warden; John C. Trotman, Secretary; S. W. Worrell, Treasurer; J. M. Felton, Senior Deacon; N. B. Felton, Junior Deacon; Hance Hofler, Steward and Tyler.

MEMBERS:

J. K. Costin, R. B. Parker, M. H. Eure, G. W. Hayes, J. W. Hinton, J. A. Small, Jno. H. Parker, W. S. B. Riddick, J. C. Wolfley, R. H. Baker, C. J. Barnes, W. H. Manning, R. H. Riddick, J. W. Roberts, W. M. Daughtry, R. H. Powell, C. Jordan, N. O. Ward, Rev. Q. H. Trotman, W. G. Williams, H. C. Williams, J. G. James, B. Monsey, John Brady.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

Dr. H. C. Willey, Jno. Boothe, R. H. L. Bond, G. R. Hinton.

Initiated 3; passed 3; raised 2; rejected 2; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 1; withdrawn 2; died 0; residents not members 4; whole number 32.

Regular time of meeting, first Monday night in each month, and Monday nights of Superior and County Courts.

BLACKMER LODGE, NO. 127, MONTGOMERY.

OFFICERS:

Ed. J. Christian, Worshipful Master; William J. Montgomery, Senior Warden; J. M. Lilly, Junior Warden; W. G. DeBerry, Senior Deacon; J. T. Townsend, Junior Deacon; J. T. Matheson, Secretary; J. C. Andrews, Treasurer; A. J. Bruton, Chaplain; John Boggan, Tyler.

MEMBERS:

C. J. Cochran, C. W. Wooley, E. D. Scarborough, J. Luther, William McRae, Alex'r McRae, N. Thompson, N. T. Bowdon, Rev. J. Hill, Rev. J. B. Ballard, C. H. Rush, D. C. Harris, Dr. J. M. Crump, Dr. A. McLennan, Dr. O. Hadley, S. R. Scarborough, S. H. Christian, Rev. R. S. Ledbetter, Rev. D. R. Druton, Rev. L. A. Whitlock, Green Bingham, J. H. Reid, J. H. Crawford, O. H. Dockery, J. McRae, Kenneth Matheson, Dr. O. P. Luther, T. Covington, N. B. Nicholson, J. T. Bostick, A. F. Rush, J. L. Gaines, A. H. Ingram, H. C. Luther, R. T. Steele, J. Green, Hugh G. Lucas, Rev. A. D. Blackwood, J. Pearl, D. A. Boyd, Dr. D. N. Patterson, M. S. McRae, E. H. Davis, A. C. Northcott, W. J. Ewing, Rev. P. H. Scovell, A. C. Harris, Moses Haywood, E. F. Andrews, J. T. Andrews, J. B. Ballard.

Initiated 5; passed 5; raised 5; rejected 0; suspended 0; expelled 1; admitted 0; withdrawn 5; died 0; residents not members 0; whole number 60.

Regular time of meeting, Friday evening before each and every full moon.

DAN RIVER LODGE, NO. 129, MADISON.

OFFICERS:

T. F. Coyle, Worshipful Master; N. Dalton, Senior Warden; J. S. Moore, Junior Warden; C. F. Watkins, Secretary; T. Hall, Treasurer; J. Scales, Senior Deacon; A. P. Smith, Junior Deacon; J. Fills, Tyler.

MEMBERS:

V. Allen, W. S. Scales, H. Scales, Wm. Martin, C. R. Simpson, J. J. Lautendagher, N. B. Scales, Thos. Price, T. W. Pergerson, John Foy, J. R. Duncan, J. W. Moore, W. H. Foy, A. A. Baughn, T. H. Lewellen, B. H. Foy, R. S. Moore, J. R. Dalton, J. Z. Dalton, Thomas Payne, D. S. Patrick, S. S. Wall, Rich'd Martin, J. M. Lynch, A. G. Hooper, J. Pole, R. H. Scales, W. R. Smith, William Neal, W. T. Webster.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

Rev. D. Jordan, W. B. Vanderford.

Initiated 2; passed 4; raised 3; rejected 3; suspended 0; expelled 1; admitted 0; withdrawn 3; died 1; residents not members 2; whole number 38.

Regular time of meeting, Saturday before the second Sunday in each month.

CONOHO LODGE, NO. 131, HAMILTON.

OFFICERS:

R. E. Weathersbee, Worshipful Master; J. B. Whitaker, Senior Warden; J. A. Daniels, Junior Warden; J. Waldo, Treasurer; L. L. Clements, Secretary; J. M. Matthews, Senior Deacon; J. W. Howell, Junior Deacon; B. S. Baker, Steward; T. W. Ward, Tyler; R. J. Carson, Chaplain.

MEMBERS:

J. J. Williams, C. C. Hines, Samuel J. Williams, F. J. Harrell, J. E. Short, J. J. Ward, W. W. Gardner, J. J. Anthony, H. B. Godwin, W. R. Hansell, Jas. McCleese, J. M. Reid, S. M. Bowers, R. W. Sherrod, A. P. Hyman, Thos. Whitley, J. Lowe, J. Bushbaum, W. W. Parr, W. W. Anthony, J. L. Swain.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

Bryant Bennett, A. S. Cotton, J. W. Sherrod, W. R. W. Sherrod, John B. Whitley.

Initiated 2; passed 2; raised 2; rejected 0; suspended 1; expelled 0; admitted 2; withdrawn 3; died 1; residents not members 5; whole number 31.

Regular time of meeting, second and fourth Fridays in each month, at early candle light.

RADIANCE LODGE, NO. 132, SNOW HILL.

OFFICERS:

R. W. Best, Worshipful Master; A. D. Swinson, Senoir Warden; Jno. T. Freeman, Junior Warden; D. A. Sugg, Treasurer; W. H. B. Taylor, Secretary; John W. Potter, Senior Deacon; A. J. Rasberry, Junior Deacon; John W. Rasberry, Tyler; Isaac C. Edwards, Chas. H. Albritton, Stewards.

MEMBERS:

Henry Best, T. Barrow, Eli J. Barrow, G. Britt, Jesse Benton, Rev. L. Branson, W. A. Brand, L. A. Caswell, E. Carr, A. Croom, W. S. Darden, R. B. Davis, G. F. M. Dail, J. E. Exum, D. Edwards, W. F. Edwards, M. J. Edwards, W. Frazier, W. R. Howell, C. H. Harper, J. F. Jones, P. Lynch, M. G. Little, J. R. Murphey, R. A. Pate, R. W. Pridgen, Jas. C. Potter, J. E. Parks, A. Rasberry, J. T. Randolph, H. C. Sugg, A. Sugg, J.

R. Smith, Chas. F. Smith, Robt. W. Taylor, W. S. Taylor, Jona. Wood, W. Z. Y. Jones, F. C.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

Dr. John Harvey, W. H. Sugg, John Sugg.

Initiated 5; passed 5; raised 4; rejected 4; suspended 0; expelled 2; admitted 0; withdrawn 0; died 1; residents not members 3; whole number 48.

Regular time of meeting, first and third Saturday in each month.

ALAMANCE LODGE, NO. 133, GRAHAM.

OFFICERS:

Wm. H. Faucett, Worshipful Master; J. A. Murray, Senior Warden; A. H. Boyd, Junior Warden; A. Moore, Treasurer; D. C. Harden, Secretary; L. H. Woods, Senior Deacon; W. G. Clendenin, Junior Deacon; John H. Klapp, Tyler.

MEMBERS:

E. F. Watson, John Faucett, H. C. Hurdle, Thos. Sellers, P. A. Holt, P. G. M., Joseph S. Holt, E. M. Holt, Bedford McRay, John R. Holt, J. McCully, A. Pyle, Rob't Love, G. S. Holt, Jesse Gant, Wm. A. Holt, A. G. Fonville, W. B. Vandeford, T. J. Jones, J. T. Trolinger, S. McKnight, Jacob Hurdle, M. Russell, A. J. Hughes, G. H. Garrison, H. C. Trolinger, G. G. Walker, A. Isley, Sam'l Ireland, W. F. Stroud, W. Artez, G. W. Foster, Henry Maynard, Thomas J. Fowler, S. A. White, Robert Moore, J. R. G. Faucett, J. W. Wellons, Jos. Vincent, W. S. Ector, J. B. Randleman, G. N. Hope, Dickey Moore, Thomas E. Roberts, Charles Carroll, Thomas S. Robeson, A. W. Chilson, John R. McLean, Rob't Walker, C. Davis, T. Swann, W. Swann, T. S. Shelton, John D. Carbin, J. Cropper, Thomas C. Foust, Levi A. Vincent, Sam'l Crawford, James V. Moore, R. G. Tinnen, James M. Sutton, C. F. Klapp, C. N. Roney, Wm. Swaim, Jacob Morton, Thomas Madkins.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

D. A. Montgomery, R. Y. McAdden, William Patterson, Dan'l Worth, Cornelius Davis, Jr., John Richardson, R. W. Mills, W. S. Hill.

Initiated 5; passed 5; raised 5; rejected 1; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 3; withdrawn 1; died 1; residents not members 8; whole number 80.

Regular time of meeting, first Tuesday night in each month, Tuesday night of each County and Superior Court, and the two St. Johns' days, June and December.

MOCKSVILLE LODGE, NO. 134, MOCKSVILLE.

OFFICERS:

T. J. Bryan, Worshipful Master; A. F. Harbin, Senior Warden; J. Holman, Junior Warden; J. M. Johnson, Secretary; B. Ijames, Treasurer; H. Critz, Senior Deacon; G. W. Campbell, Junior Deacon; W. A. Meroney, Tyler; L. Bingham, Chaplain.

MEMBERS:

B. Bailey, Jno. Kelly, Jere. Welman, J. W. Baity, A. M. Young, A. Deaver, C. Sain, M. D. Travillion, Jos. Gray, U. H. Phelps, P. N. Dulin,

W. Stonestreet, D. Ijames, J. Smith, J. A. Kelly, F. D. Horn, J. W. Clifford, Thos. M. Young, J. W. Wiseman, S. Taylor, L. C. Hanes, G W. Johnson, W. O. Smith, D. J. L. Smith, G. A. Bingham, J. McGuire, P. F. Meroney, J. B Jones, Jas. Latham, Jno. Taylor, R. O. Wiseman, D. Hendren, W. A. James, S. W. Naylor, D M. Crenshaw, E. M. Godbey, Robert Rose, W. R. Sharpe, J. F. Boon, W. C. Brown, H. R. Austin, C. Anderson, H. C. Eccles, C. Bohanon, G. B. Clifford, J W. Gray, D. Carter, J. W. Sheek, Casper Sain, S. J. Hanes, S. A. Kelly, N. Deaver.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

W. Baity, A. M. Booe, J. W. Jones.

Initiated 2; passed 2; raised 2; rejected 3; suspended 0; expelled 1; admitted 1; withdrawn 0; died 2; residents not members 3; whole number 61.

Regular time of meeting, third Friday night in each month, and Tuesday night of Court weeks, 24th of June and 27th of December.

BLACK ROCK LODGE, NO. 135, BRUNSWICK.

OFFICERS:

John C. Daniel, Worshipful Master; John W. Prigeon, Senior Warden; Jordan Wollard, Junior Warden; John Browning, Treasurer; J. F. Oliver, Secretary; Jesse Searborough, Senior Deacon; John J. Bright, Junior Deacon; John W. McDaniel, Jos. L. Bryan, Stewards; P. W. Unkler, Tyler.

MEMBERS:

Jos. Green, J. H. Allen, J. H. Pritchett, J. M. Sykes, Jas. W. McKay, R. P. Lennon, D. C. Ames, K. K. Council, W Westbrook, Peter Rourk, J. J. Prigeon, Rev. G. W. Lennon, W. B. Lucas, B. B Long, W. H. Holland, J. Nelson, C. Thally, D. T. Montross, J. T. Melvin, J. E. Roberts, J. McNorton, J. B. Muse, D. S. Council, R. A. Lytle, Z. E. Murrill, Hosea Futrell, F. M. Pate, Dr. A. Y. Powell, O. Daniel, E. A., M. Hilbren, J. W. Daniel, F. C., J. Hufham, F. C., D. E. McNair, J. W. Cowan, F. C., T. D. Caraway, F. C., William H. Robbins, Jr., E. A.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

A. Wannett.

Initiated 7; passed 4; raised 1; rejected 0; suspended 0; expelled 1; admited 0; withdrawn 0; died 1; residents not members 1; whole number 41.

Regular time of meeting, last Saturday in every month at 3 o'clock, P. M., and 24th of June.

LEAKSVILLE, LODGE, NO. 136, LEAKSVILLE.

OFFICERS:

Thomas W. Field, Worshipful Master; Daniel E. Field, Senior Warden; Dr. Rob't R. Robinson, Junior Warden; Jones W. Burton, Secretary; John Strong, Treasurer; Geo. P. Winston, Senior Deacon; Calvin Jones, Junior Deacon; James Ray, Tyler.

MEMBERS:

Dr. W. L. Binford, Dr. Ed. T. Brodnax, J. H. Bullard, G. H. Chaplin, O. C. Calhoun, J. P. Dillard, O. R. Dillard, C. Glenn, S. Hodgin, P. D. Hopper, W. M. Harrison, J. C. Martin, G. W. Martin, Alex. Moir, Robert Moir, W.

Norman, C. H. Norman, Dr. Thos. Reynolds, Hugh Willis, Elisha Kun, R. Woodson, Beverly Flanagan, William R. Saunders.

Initiated 1; passed 1; raised 2; rejected 1; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 0; withdrawn 0; died 1; residents not members 0; whole number 31.

LINCOLN LODGE, NO. 137, LINCOLN.

OFFICERS:

Thomas Darling, Worshipful Master; Jas. T. Alexander, Senior Warden; John A. Jetton, Junior Warden; L. N. Durham, Senior Deacon; Jacob H. Ramsour, Junior Deacon; William J. Hoke, Secretary; Thomas R. Shuford, Treasurer; John R. Detter, Tyler.

MEMBERS:

Rev. Henry Asbury, J. F. Aydolett, F. M. Abernathy, E. S. Barrett, T. W. Bradburn, E. J. Brevard, A. F. Brevard, E. A., J. A. Caldwell, J. Q. Carpenter, Wm. Corbett, C. R. F. Cronland, A. W. Detter, J. W. Derr, E. S. Edwards, Jno. W. Fite, N. A. Goode, L. P. Henderson, A. J. Hauss, H. W. Hudson, C. J. Hammarskold, C. W. Hammarskold, Wm Jenks, O. Jenks, J. F. Johnston, J L. Lineburger, Z. A. Moss, Geo. Mosteller, Caleb Motz, J. E. Murphey, R. M. Oates, R. S. Proctor, J. F. Paine, F. C., A. A. Ramsour, Dr. J. M. Richardson, T. W. Robinson, Dr. Wm. Sloan, Jno. M. Shuford, R. F. Sloan, R. L. Simmons, L. Woodford, G. Westman, S. E. Winter, J. White.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

Sam'l Lander, (K. T.) Wm. Lander, P. M., Rev. L. M. Berry, William R. Edwards, L. D. Childs, L. Ferrer, Wm. Tiddy, D. A. Love, Bartlett Shipp, Edward Davis, Samuel Frizbee, L. A. Hoyle.

Initiated 5; passed 4; raised 5; rejected 0; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 0; withdrawn 6; died 1; residents not members 12; whole number 50.

Regular time of meeting, first Friday in every month, St. Johns' days, and Tuesday night of Court weeks.

KING SOLOMON LODGE, NO. 138, LONG CREEK.

OFFICERS:

Samuel H. Bell, Worshipful Master; Wm. Robitzch, Senior Warden; A. M. Lamb, Junior Warden; W. S. Larkins, Secretary; Jas. Garason, Treasurer; John Moore, Senior Deacon; D. W. Mott, Junior Deacon; Wm. C. Mott, Tyler.

MEMBERS:

M. T. Croom, G. J. Moore, C. W. Murphey, J. Jones, J. B. Pigford, J. H. Murphey, J. Collins, J. Eakins, J. F. Moore, J. E. Robitzsch, M. C. Collins, R. L. Bourdeaux, W. H. Moore, W. T. Newell, S. S. Satchwell, S. T. Newton, R. W. Collins, S. B. Rivenbark, T. O. Rooks, Wm. F. Robitzsch, J. J. Moore, J. F. Croom, W. R. Brinson, J. T. Collins, J. J. McMillan, Wm. D. Somers, H. Malpass, Jas. A. Shine, G. F. Walker, C. D. Sikes, D. Gurganus, F. H. Bell, P. M., R. A. Stewart, H. Croom.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

J. P. Moore, Wm. Croom, G. W. Moore, Wm. A. Lamb.

Initiated 6; passed 6; raised 6; rejected 2; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 2; withdrawn 5; died 2; residents not members 4; whole number 46.

Regular time of meeting, second Saturday in each month.

MT. ENERGY LODGE, NO. 140, GRANVILLE.

OFFICERS:

B. F. Bullock, Worshipful Master; L. H. Bullock, Senior Warden; W. E. Bullock, Junior Warden; E. Dalby, Treasurer; N. E. Canady, Secretary; William E. Bullock, Senior Deacon; Dr. D. C. White, Junior Deacon; H. Smith, Tyler.

MEMBERS:

Ed. Bullock, J. D. Bullock, Jno. Moss, J. P. Hester, W. B. Jeffress, E. B. Lyon, Rev. W. S. Hester, Rev. B. B. Hester, R. C. Freeman, J. Y. Moss, E. E. Lyon, G. C. Compton, J. Estes, Wm. Green, J. B. Green, H. Freeman, J. P. Adams, J. R. Walker, R. Bobbit, J. Y. Smith, W. Jeffress, W. N. Harris, J. M. Kittle, J. C. Rogers, L. T. Smith, B. Night, J. Dickerson, W. L. Gariot, Z. Burnett, W. Hunt, A. Bragg, J. W. Kemp, Dr. J. F. Moss, Dr. J. G. Cannady, J. Moss, W. Horner, H. F. Parriott, R. H. D. Bullock, W. H. P. Jenkins, J. B. Floyd, A. C. Smith, J. C. Hester, F. C.

Initiated 4; passed 4; raised 3; rejected 1; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 0; withdrawn 3; died 0; residents not members 0; whole number 50.

Regular time of meeting, first Saturday in each month at 2 o'clock.

CAROLINA LODGE, NO. 141, ANSONVILLE.

OFFICERS:

G. A. Smith, Worshipful Master; James W. Hendley, Senior Warden; F. B. Flake, Junior Warden; R. H. Burns, Secretary; Dr. C. Watkins, Treasurer; Jesse H. Wade, Senior Deacon; R. P. Simmons, Junior Deacon; G. D. Clark, Tyler.

MEMBERS:

Joseph Allen, D. B. Allen, R. Crump, Wm. Carter, Alex'r Crump, H. C. Collier, F. A. Clark, Allen Carpenter, J. E. Bonniott, C. R. Boyd, J. P. Billingby, H. M. Broadaway, J. F. Dunlop, V. S. Garrett, J. B. Gillis, B. F. Garris, T. M. Hendley, W. V. Hatcher, Jere. Ingram, J. W. Ingram, Dr. J. S. Kendall, Dr. W. S. Kendall, N. Knight, R. J. McDonald, D. B. McSwain, Jos. Medley, Wm. A. Mendenhall, J. M. McBride, W. S. Richardson, Sam'l Rose, L. B. Threadgill, Jas. Tomlinson, Joel Tyson, Jr., W. L. Steele, Wm. Shadding, E. J. Threadgill, J. J. Wright, W. C. Watkins, J. F. Watkins.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

S. W. Cole, Wm. Little.

Initiated 1; passed 1; raised 1; rejected 0; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 2; withdrawn 2; died 2; residents not members 2; whole number 48.

Regular time of meeting, first Friday night after the full Moon in each and every month.

CANE CREEK LODGE, NO. 142, CANE CREEK.

OFFICERS:

B. Davidson, Worshipful Master; Murchison Hinshaw, Senior Warden; John H. Allen, Junior Warden; Ira Hinshaw, Treasurer; Nathan Dixon,

Secretary; Wm. A. Perry, Senior Deacon; Jos. Stout, Jr., Junior Deacon; Job Stewart, Tyler; Simon Allen, William Workman, Stewards.

MEMBERS:

Nathan Stout, J. M. Stout, L. B. Branson, W. Thompson, H. O. Durham, A. T. Glenn, Jas. Griffin, W. D. Holt, Sol. Wray, J. S. Albright, J. Newlin, W. M. Mills, G. C. Guthery, Ed. Teague, M. Dixon, D. H. Albright, M. Murchison, Jos. Allen, M. D. Pike, H. Stout, A. J Perry, J. J. McPherson, J. Norwood, C. A. Brewer, Fred. Baliff, John Pike. B Z Hinshaw, Jehu Bivens, Jas. Thomas, Jos. Stout, Sr., W. Terry, J. C. Bradshaw, J. Shirden, C. Workman. John Low, F. W. Vestal, W G. Murchison, A. Lindsey, J. G. Stockard, Jas. Robison, A. J. Moore, J. S. Ray, Wm. Teague.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

John Branson, John Terry.

Initiated 2; passed 3; raised 4; rejected 1; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 0; withdrawn 4; died 1; residents not members 2; whole number 53.

Regular time of meeting, first Saturday evening in each month, and on the anniversary of St. John the Baptist, and St. John the Evangelist.

MT. VERNON LODGE, NO. 143, CHATHAM.

OFFICERS:

W. M. Tally, Worshipful Master; Merrit Rosser, Senior Warden; J. J. White, Junior Warden; A. J. Kevett, Secretary; John Strachn, Treasurer; S. W. Brewer, Senior Deacon; W. S. Jones, Junior Deacon; J. B. Adcock, Tyler; Elijah Lambert, James Gilbert, Stewards.

MEMBERS:

J. F. Rives, R. B. Paschal, W. M. Rosson, H. Fox, M. Lane, B. Tally, E. B. Emerson, J. H. Bray, B. W. Smith, H. C. Luther, W. H. Brooks, Jno. A. Brooks, T. Johnson, J. E. Page, W. J. Page, W. S. Webster, A. P. Adcock, W. T. Brantly, A. Y. Phillips, A. Brewer, J. A. Tilman, W. H. Wat, M. Moffitt. Ned Phillips, Ambrose Brewer, J. Tilman, J. D. Cheek, A. S. Dowd, L. M. Bray, J. Hughes, J. J. Lane, H. Dorsett, T. A Brooks, S. C. Hackney, T. Johnson, W. P. Lane, K. P. Harman, W. H M. Hackney, R. T. D. Foushee, George Womble, Thomas Ellis, A. Holton, J. Hughes, R. P. Jones, D. A. Carter, J. S. Hackney, Vestal Kevett, J. L. Smith.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

A. A. Crutchfield.

Initiated 2; passed 3; raised 3; rejected 2; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 3; withdrawn 1; died 2; residents not members 1; whole number 58.

Regular time of meeting, Saturday before the third Sunday in each and every month.

TAYLOR LODGE, NO. 144, MT. PLEASANT.

OFFICERS:

Thomas B. Farrar, Worshipful Master; Dr. James A. Norwood, Senior Warden; M. T. Baldwin, Junior Warden; Jehial Atwater, Secretary; J. J. Baldwin, Treasurer; Isaac N. Mann, Senior Deacon; T. M. Mann, Junior Deacon; John Pearson, Tyler.

MEMBERS:

H. C. Horton, A. B. Horton, W. Mann, N. N. Caudel, E. P. Fearington, J. J. Fearington, J. T. Eubanks, T. Winningham, C. Stone, B. R. Ward, H. G. Foushee, O. P. Hamlett, Rev. L. Burnett, T. H. Foushee, Dr. E. H. Ward, J. M. Brazington, Wm. Griffon, Alvis Riggsbee, B. Williams, Atlas J. Riggsbee, Andrew J. Riggsbee, J. R. Ward, A. J. Griffon, T. Bynum, W. Pritchard, Rev. J. E. Mann, D. M. Durham.

Initiated 4; passed 4; raised 5; rejected 0; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 1; withdrawn 0; died 1; residents not members 0; whole number 35.

Regular time of meeting, first Saturday in each month.

PALMYRA LODGE, NO. 147, AVERASBORO'.

OFFICERS:

Neill S. Stewart, Worshipful Master; A. Parker, Senior Warden; K. Barefoot, Junior Warden; Kilba Lassiter, Secretary; A. J. Turlington, Treasurer; D. G. Massie, Senior Deacon; S. F. Crowder, Junior Deacon; M. Tew, Tyler.

MEMBERS:

J. C. Surls, P. M., J. A. Johnson, A. B. Horton, John Sugg, W. B. Surls, M. D. Denning, W. T. Rhodes, H. A. Williams, J. W. McLeod, J. C. Williams, H. Holerman, J. R. Graddy, R. A. Lassiter, S. A. Johnson, Jas. J. Adams, Jas. N. Turner, D. R. Parker, Rev. C. Parker, Dr. Y. A. Mathews, C. B. Surls, Hiram Vickers, B. F. Shaw, D. McN McKay, Dan'l Stewart, D. Hawley, Rev. A. B. Alderman, S. R. Surls, R. J. Norris, G. Holerman, L. M. Surls, Henry J. Ryals, A. H. Duer, Jackson Bird, H. B. Holland.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

Col. E. Stewart, D. Summerlin.

Initiated 6; passed 6; raised 5; rejected 2; suspended 0; expelled 1; admitted 1; withdrawn 11; died 0; residents not members 2; whole number 42.

Regular time of meeting, first and third Saturday in each month, and the St. Johns' day.

ADONIRAM LODGE, NO. 149, YOUNG'S ⋈ ROADS.

OFFICERS:

John S. Overby, Worshipful Master; G. W. Pittard, Senior Warden; Dr. T. A. Ridout, Junior Warden; R. S. Barnett, Treasurer; Lewis Garner, Secretary; B. T. Winston, Senior Deacon; A. J. Chandler, Junior Deacon; Robert Morgan, Tyler.

MEMBERS:

Rev. J. E. Montague, John C. Garner, D. S. Wilkerson, James H. White, John F. Mallett, Harmon Puryear, Dr. P. W. Young, Wm. E. Royster, W. Satterwhite, James M. Satterwhite, Sam'l H. Holloway, Hartwell F. Ezell, T. F. Peace, James Elliott, James B. Ellixson, L. B. Stone, T. J. Pittard, Rob't D. Puryear, James M. Overby, Z. M. P. Downey.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

Hugh McKadden.

Initiated 0; passed 0; raised 0; rejected 0; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 0; withdrawn 4; died 0; residents not members 1; whole number 29.

PEE DEE LODGE, NO. 150, NORWOOD'S.

OFFICERS:

John R. Livington, Worshipful Master; James Harward, Senior Warden; William S Smith, Junior Warden; William Allen, Secretary; R. M. Wall, Treasurer; M. T. Waddell, Senior Deacon; Thos. H. Edwards, Junior Deacon; James G. Brooks, Tyler.

MEMBERS:

Dr. Rich'd Anderson, Wm. C. Clark, W. W. Forrest, J. A. Henry, M. Kirk, R. M. Lanier, B. F. Lilly, A. N. Lawson, H. H. Melton, E. Marks, R. J. Mebane, J. Marshall, J. C. McCain, W. F. Nash, J. O. Ross, Wm. H. Randle, W. J. Ross, W. Randle, J. F. Stone, Jacob Shankle, W. H. Smith, J. F. Swearingen, A. J. Shankle, M. Shoffner, T. A. Simpson, A. P. Stoker, J. B. Simpson, J. S. Turner, S. M. Tomlinson, D. A. Underwood, C. R. Watkins, W. H. Steede.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

Davidson Hearne.

Initiated 3; passed 4; raised 3; rejected 2; suspended 1; expelled 2; admitted 0; withdrawn 0; died 0; residents not members 1; whole number 40.

CHALMERS LODGE, NO. 151, CARBONTON.

OFFICERS:

R. A. Stewart, Worshipful Master; Wm. A. Hayes, Senior Warden; Wm. Gilbert, Junior Warden; K. Murchison, Treasurer; T. J. Clegg, Secretary; J. F. Underwood, Senior Deacon; A. W. Jones, Junior Deacon; E. B. Harrington, Tyler.

MEMBERS:

Wm. McIntosh, D. R. McIntosh, M. M. McRae, J. Nicholson, Z. A. Burroughs, B. Burroughs, A. McLeod, A. P. Barker, J. W. Berryman, C. W. Carroll, J. A. Cameron, W. W. Campbell, J. Cheek, R. H. Davis, Thos. Daugherty, Sol. Ellis, Eli Wadsworth, W. Elkins, Rich'd Frazier, G. W. Fooshee, J. G. Fooshee, K. Gibbs, Wm. McDonald, C. McCrummen, A. McFadgen, J. H. Farrar, D. McIntosh, E. S. McIver, D. McLeod, W. L. Miller, J. L. Nicholson, D. McFadgen, E. D. Nall, A. W. Palmer, R. D. Palmer, Jas. Riddle, Rich'd Street, D. M. Sinclair, B. W. Spivey, W. Tally, B. Tally, G. G. Temple, J. D. Tyson, K. H. Worthey, E. Welch, O. S. Yarborough, Alex. McAu, J. Pagenstecher.

Initiated 1; passed 1; raised 1; rejected 0; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 0; withdrawn 0; died 0; residents not members 0; whole number 56.

Regular time of meeting, second Saturday in each month, and the anniversaries of the Sts. John.

MT. CARMEL LODGE, NO. 153, SCOTT'S HILL.

OFFICERS:

J. M. Foy, Worshipful Master; A. J. King, Senior Warden; D. J. Nixon, Junior Warden; L. S. McClammy, Treasurer; J. P. Oates, Secretary; S. Atkinson, Senior Deacon; W. J. King, JuniorDeacon; W. H. Batson, Tyler.

MEMBERS:

W. D. Sparkman, H. R. Foy, J. Bishop, D. R. Gornto. J. S. Ennett, Rev. C. H. Alexander, R. C. Nixon, D. S. Sanders, R. M. King.

Initiated 0; passed 0; raised 0; rejected 1; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 0; withdrawn 0; died 0; residents not members 0; whole number 17.

Regular time of meeting, second Saturday in each month.

SCOTCH IRELAND LODGE, NO. 154, MT. VERNON.

OFFICERS:

W. A. Luckey, Worshipful Master; J. W. Steel, Senior Warden; D. Fleming. Junior Warden; A. Torrence, Senior Deacon; T. N. Renshaw, Junior Deacon; T. A. Burke, Secretary; D. B. Wood, Treasurer; W. L. Barber, Tyler; Rev. W. A. Wood, Chaplain.

MEMBERS:

J. G. Ramsey, P. M., Jas. W. Shinn, B. S. Krider, M. A. Dry, B. J. Smith, Jas. Hair, John Linsey, B. T. Knox, T. A. Alison, A. Henly, C. C. Krider, T. J. Gillispie, J. M. Ellis, T. S. Wood, R. Harris, T. J. Ray.

Initiated 2; passed 1; raised 1; rejected 1; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 0; withdrawn 1; died 0; residents not members 0; whole number 24.

Regular time of meeting, Friday at or before full moon in each and every month.

WHITE STONE LODGE, NO. 155, WAKEFIELD.

OFFICERS:

W. H. Hood, Worshipful Master; Michael Whitley, Senior Warden; F. G. Foster, Junior Warden; D. H. Bunn, Treasurer; John W. Perry, Secretary; Harrington Daniel, Senior Deacon; A. J. Underhill, Junior Deacon; W. B. Chamblee, Tyler.

MEMBERS:

D. B. Griffin, P. M., D. S. Crenshaw, P. M., B. T. Strickland, P. M., A. J. Foster, J. M. Taylor, B. C. Strickland, J. Woodroe, E. H. Woodard, E. Mecom, Wm. Pullen, Burtis Cone, John Chamblee, C. J. Pippin, W. Privett, Acrel Pearce, Hend. Hocutt, L. B. Horton, Harris Daniel, R. S. Perry, Blake Baker, Jacob Daniel, W. E. Stott, Hiram Holleman, A. L. Bunn, R. Griffin, W. S. Harris, Wm. Ballentine, Allison Richardson, K. Bailey, Jas. Nowell, J. R. Brown, W. K. Phillips, J. H. Cheves, J. A. Minga, J. C. Fowler, S. H. Hood, Wesley Privett, J. E. Todd, W. Baker, C. B. Strickland, W. S. Clifton, F. G. Foster.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

John Griffin.

Initiated 1; passed 1; raised 1; rejected 2; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 3; withdrawn 0; died 0; residents not members 1; whole number 52.

Regular time of meeting, every fourth Saturday.

ROLESVILLE LODGE, NO. 156, ROLESVILLE.

OFFICERS:

J. Rob't Jeffreys, Worshipful Master; H. A. Hodge, Senior Warden; H. W. Jones, Junior Warden; Isham Young, Treasurer; A. R. Young, Secretary; F. H. Perry, Senior Deacon; C. H. Horton, Junior Deacon; L. B. Rodgers, Tyler; F. H. Belcher, Chaplain.

MEMBERS:

John M. Fleming, P. M., J. B. Redford, T. J. Terrell, W. A. Horton, S. C. Bailey, M. H. Horton, P. M., J. W. Fort, W. D. Jones, P. M., W. B. Dunn, Jr., Dr. C. H. Harriss, J. N. Scarborough, B. Perry, James H. Scarborough, C. B. Walker, P. M., Jno. Q. A. Barham, J. T. Weathers, A. S. Gill, J. J. Terrell, F. A. Belcher, Dr. A. R. Dunn, S. W. Terrell, John C. H. Jones, W. T. Hodge.

Initiated 3; passed 3; raised 0; rejected 3; suspended 1; expelled 0; admitted 0; withdrawn 1; died 0; residents not members 1; whole number 31.

Regular time of meeting, first Saturday in each month.

MT. PLEASANT LODGE, NO. 157, WAKE.

OFFICERS:

Allen Bailey, Worshipful Master; Sol. J. Allen, Senior Warden; L. Terrell, Junior Warden; Durant K. Moore, Secretary; John Norwood, Treasurer; Willis S. Thompson, Senior Deacon; Jos. H. Thomas, Junior Deacon; A. Y. Bailey, Tyler; Buckner Ray, Buckner Nipper, Stewards; Willie A. Atkerson, Chaplain.

MEMBERS:

Willie D. Mitchell, S. Penny, Howel F. Bledsoe, T. M. Furgerson, T. Grady, C. J. Rogers, J. M. Mangum, R. Hooker, W. A. Allen, G. Piper, L. A. Moore, A. J. Thompson, Seth Penny, W. C. Page, M. H. Allen, A. M. Blake, W. M. Allen, W. L. Bledsoe, R. K. Ferrell, W. P. Hayes, W. C. Rogers, John Ray, Jr., Jesse Penny, P. Rogers, E. H. Ray, Jos. T. Rogers, W. Hallyburton, Leroy Jones, J. H. Thomas, J. L. Branton, John Ferrell.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

Romulus M. Allen.

Initiated 4; passed 2; raised 3; rejected 4; suspended 0; expelled 1; admitted 0; withdrawn 2; died 1; residents not members 1; whole number 41.

Regular time of meeting, first Saturday in each month.

KNAP OF REEDS LODGE, NO. 158, GRANVILLE.

OFFICERS:

John Peede, Worshipful Master; Dudley Peede, Senior Warden; R. F. Webb, Junior Warden; Joseph Woods, Treasurer; F. J. Tilly, Secretary; Richard Peede, Senior Deacon; Dennis Tilly, Junior Deacon; S. Peede, Tyler.

MEMBERS:

John Adcock, M. Ball, J. C. Bowlin, Wm. Bowlin, G. F. Bullock, J. C. Cardin, T. B. Coley, D. B. Cozart, G. W. Duncan, S. D. Ferrell, Dr. A. Fleming, John Fleming, S. D. Franklin, W. T. Gooch, T. R. Groom, W. C. Haskins, M. Harris, R. L. Heflin, Thos. R. Hall, Dr. E. M. Holt, W. Hobgood, Wm. H. Jones, Jos. Lunsford, J. W. Lyon, Rev. A. W. Mangum, H. McFarland, W. L. Meadows, F. M. Meadows, H. F. Moore, E. A., Dudley Parker, D. C. Parrish, Jas. P. Paschall, W. P. Roberts, N. H. Roberts, Gaston Roberts, J. V. Roberts, D. C. Roberts, A. Stephenson, W. R. Tilley, John Tilley, E. A., Rev. S. D. Umstead, L. W. Umstead, G. W. Umstead, J. D. Umstead, A. M. Veazey, N. A. Waller, M. Washington, H. Wheeler, Jeff. Wheeler, Dudley W. Wheeler.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

William A. Gill.

Initiated 9; passed 9; raised 9; rejected 1; suspended 0; expelled 1; admitted 1; withdrawn 2; died 0; residents not members 1; whole number 58.

Regular time of meeting, Saturday before the third Sunday in every month, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

ROCKY RIVER LODGE, NO. 159, MUDLICK.

OFFICERS:

Dr. W. S. Edwards, Worshipful Master; J. Siler, Senior Warden; M. Teague, Junior Warden; S. J. Carter, Treasurer; J. C. Kirkman, Secretary; W. B. Carter, Senior Deacon; J. D. Holmes, Junior Deacon; C. E. Fox, Steward and Tyler.

MEMBERS:

Dr. W. S. McLean, Rev. A. McCoy, S. P. Teague, W. A. Patterson, Wm. Stagg, G. P. Johnson, Isaac Fogleman, Alford Pearce, M. Lowe, M. R. Teague, Franklin York, A. Fergason, A. W. Smith, J. W. Bowden, C. Moore, Sam'l L. Lineberry, W. B. Dorsett, S. J. Pickett, J. W. Barker, Jere. Holaday, John W. Cox, Isaac W. McCoy, J. J. Hackney, Zeno Johnson, W. H. Fox, J. T. Jones, J. W. Culberson, P. M., Rev. William Lineberry, D. L. Barker.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

W. T. Fox, Rev. J. McCulloch.

Initiated 0; passed 0; raised 0; rejected 0; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 1; withdrawn 4; died 1; residents not members 2; whole number 39.

Regular time of meeting, third Saturday evening in each month.

BEAUMONT LODGE, NO. 160, BEAUMONT.

OFFICERS:

D. F. McIver, Worshipful Master; E. Fike, Senior Warden; R. D. Burke, Junior Warden; H. H. Fike, Secretary; R. N. Green, Treasurer; G. E. Brown, Senior Deacon; J. M. Green, Junior Deacon; N. Vestal, Tyler; W. C. Burke, W. Ward, Steward.

MEMBERS:

J. E. Nettles, Jas. S. Henderson, A. P. Brooks, David Oldham, U. R. Browning, Dr. W. D. Watson, M. Browning, H. O. Dunlap, T. C. Willit, J. T. Willit, E. D. Ausley, T. W. Moody, Rev. B. F. Guthrie, J. M. Hadley, J. W. Turner, T. B. Long.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

J. Q. Headen, Rev. T. C. Moses.

Initiated 1; passed 1; raised 1; rejected 0; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 0; withdrawn 0; died 0; residents not members 2; whole number 25.

Regular time of meeting, first Saturday in each month.

EMMAUS LODGE, NO. 161, HADLEY'S MILLS.

OFFICERS:

J. B. West, Worshipful Master; Fletcher A. Mann, Senior Warden; Rich'd A. Patterson, Junior Warden; Claiborne Justice, Secretary; W. R. West, Treasurer; Charles B. Poe, Senior Deacon; H. P. Straughan, Junior Deacon; Caleb Johnson, Tyler; T. P. Henderson, Steward.

MEMBERS:

Rich'd Webster, Atlas George, Jos. Johnson, E. A. Poe, T. J. Clark, Chas. Daffron, Jesse W. Perry, James Henderson, O. Lindsey, B. Crews, John W. Perry, O. S. Evans, Jno. Hadley, Wm. C. Mann, Isham Thrift, Jas. Copeland, L. Andrews, J. R. Johnson, Jno. Ray, Jno. Pickard.

Initiated 6; passed 6; raised 6; rejected 1; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 2; withdrawn 0; died 0; residents not members 0; whole number 29.

Regular time of meeting, second Saturday in each month.

ARCHER LODGE, NO. 165, CREECHVILLE.

OFFICERS:

Wm. T. Robertson, Worshipful Master; John W. Robertson, Senior Warden; N. J. Whitley, Junior Warden; Wm. H. O'Neal, Senior Deacon; E. D. Whitley, Junior Deacon; John W. Lee, Secretary; Wm. H. Richardson, Treasurer; B. C. Richardson, Tyler.

MEMBERS:

Wm. J. Smith, A. W. Richardson, L. O. Batten, Jas. H. Whitley, H. Hoyles, J. H. Laton, Ed. S. Tisdell, J. H. Robertson, Jos. H. Glover.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

Henry C. Ennis, Sam'l P. Horton.

Initiated 2; passed 2; raised 2; rejected 2; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 0; withdrawn 5; died 1; residents not members 2; whole number 20.

Regular time of meeting, first and third Saturday in each month.

ST. PAUL'S LODGE, NO. 166, BEATTY'S BRIDGE.

OFFICERS:

John R. Hawes, Worshipful Master; John W. Anders, Senior Warden; William Gailor, Junior Warden; Aaron Colvin, Secretary; H. G.

Barnhill, Treasurer; Joel L. Moore, Senior Deacon; A. J. Barnhill, Junior Deacon; Robert Glisson, Tyler.

MEMBERS:

A. J. Hawley, Jos. E. Lewis, Wm. Keith, James B. Simpson, Joseph Elwell, John T. Moore.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

C. W. Bannerman, George Bannerman, William Bunn.

Initiated 0; passed 0; raised 0; rejected 0; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 0; withdrawn 1; died 0; residents not members 3; whole number 17.

Regular time of meeting, first Saturday in every month.

WINSTON LODGE, NO. 167, WINSTON.

OFFICERS:

G. H. Renegar, Worshipful Master; Peter Fetter, Senior Warden; A. J. Stafford, Junior Warden; H. A. Holder, Treasurer; J. W. Atwood, Secretary; S. G. Hall, Senior Deacon; William Axum, Junior Deacon; H. H. Pitts, Tyler.

MEMBERS:

Watson Craft, Jos. Weisner, A. N. Leinback, G. W. Weir, C. Hauser, J. C. Becker, Jona. Rothrock, F. Beckerdite, J. H. Shultz, Jesse Riggs, P. D. Hedley, J. M. Richmond, A. F. Pfhole, F. C. Hauser, P. A. Wilson, J. W. Hunter, Sam'l Martin, W. T. Nelson, J. W. Alspaugh, G. R. Gray, Aug. Fogle, L. C. Lougenour, H. D. Lott, William Barrow, Moses Faircloth, L. Hendrix, Eli Rominger, J. F. Smoot.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

H. A. Lemly, J. S. Gibson, E. B. King, Samuel Phillips, John Chitty, P. Jackson, Cornelius Shultz.

Initiated 12; passed 11; raised 7; rejected 1; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 1; withdrawn 1; died 1; residents not members 7; whole number 42.

Regular time of meeting, second Saturday in every month, on Tuesday night of County and Superior Courts, and on both of St. John's days.

PLEASANT HILL, NO. 168, PATTERSON'S STORE.

OFFICERS:

W. R. Denney, Worshipful Master; P. C. Smith, Senior Warden; D. Coble, Junior Warden; Henry Moon, Treasurer; R. R. Lutterloh, Secretary; H. M. Duke, Senior Deacon; M. R. Bishop, Junior Deacon; Z. G. Miller, Tyler; O. A. Foster, Wm. Fogleman, Stewards.

MEMBERS:

Wm. Patterson, Sil. Spoon, B. A. Sullars, W. A. Coble, Wm. Coble, W. R. Coley, John Stafford, T. G. Wharton, A. C. Coley, J. M. Jaden, J. C. Bain, R. W. Jones, W. H. McNary, Levi Brown, B. Kimba, D. M. Isley, Henry Foust, J. S. Fogleman, J. Goley, E. H. Noah, H. Shoffner, Jesse Butler, G. W. Coble, William Way, U. Marshall, F. W. Shaw, W. Ledbetter, B. Campbell, F. G. Wright, T. M. Robison, A. A. Cruchfield, Z. M. Foust, Wm. Zachary, Alvis Marley.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

Oren Churchill.

Initiated 4; passed 3; raised 2; rejected 0; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 0; withdrawn 0; died 2; residents not members 1; whole number 50.

Regular time of meeting, second Saturday in every month, and 24th of June and 27th of December.

BLACKMER LODGE, NO. 170, REEM'S CREEK.

OFFICERS:

R. V. Blackstock, Worshipful Master; J. T. Weaver, Senior Warden; W. R. Baird, Junior Warden; J. H. Calfee, Secretary; J. R. Weaver, Treasurer; W. B. Smith, Senior Deacon; N. J. Roberts, Junior Deacon; D. Hunsucker, Tyler; M. Roberts, W. C. Garrison, Stewards.

MEMBERS:

Rev. J. D. Baldwin, Rev. J. A. Reagan, Rev. J. T. Stansberry, Rev. M. P. Swaim, J. H. Smith, W. H. Monday, S. F. Williams, N. Tweed, A. E. Baird, A. S. Langley, Abner Tweed, A. G. Anderson, S. W. Carter, J. S. Carter, D. G. Carter, H. Hunter, H. Fox, J. C. L. Gudger, W. M. Weaver, J. C. F. Weaver.

Initiated 7; passed 7; raised 5; rejected 0; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 0; withdrawn 2; died 0; residents not members 0; whole number 30.

Regular time of meeting, Saturday night before the full Moon in every month.

DELK LODGE, NO. 171, COLERAIN.

OFFICERS:

Rev. Jas. Delk, Worshipful Master; Col. E. Wilson, Senoir Warden; Jos. Smith, Junior Warden; Dr. Thos. Brown, Secretary; K. T. Pruden, Treasurer; John W. Sessoms, Senior Deacon; James S. Perry, Junior Deacon; H. L. Ward, Tyler.

MEMBERS:

Aaron O. Askew, Dr. A. J. Askew, Robert Briscoe, Thomas Deanes, Josiah H. Davidson, Lemuel Evans, W. D. Hays, H. N. B. Hays, Zach. Smith, Rev. B. B. Williams, J. B. White, Alfred Winbourne.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

Col. Sam'l B. Spruill, Malachi Haughton, T. H. Wingfield.

Initiated 4; passed 4; raised 4; rejected 0; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 0; withdrawn 1; died 2; residents not members 3; whole number 19.

Regular time of meeting, Friday before the first Sunday in every month.

BUFFALO LODGE, NO. 172, BUFFALO.

OFFICERS:

Kenneth McIver, Worshipful Master; Newton R. Bryan, Senior Warden; John W. McIntosh, Junior Warden; D. B. McIver, Secretary; J. D. McIver, Treasurer; K. F. McIntosh, Senior Deacon; T. W. Cole, Junior Deacon; K. W. Wicker, Tyler and Steward.

MEMBERS:

Windship Bryan, D. O. Bryan, Josh. H. Benner, J. A. Campbell, John B. Cole, Thos. W. Cole, B. G. Cole, G. B. Cole, Wm. W. Dye, M. Evander Dye, Elisha Gilmore, M. F. Harrington, A. Harrington, J. A. Harward, C. S. Harward, J. D. Henly, W. Henly, S. E. Johnson, A. Kelly, D. N. McIver, A. N. McIver, R. McIver, R. A. McIver, E. J. McIver, Dr. Jno. McIver, L. G. McIver, Dan'l McIver, A. D. McIver, D. McIntyre, J. A. McIntosh, Arch'd McIntosh, Wm. McAuley, Wm. McNeill, M. T. Oliver, Alvis Poe, J. E. Pipkin, E. A., Geo. W. Petty, A. A. F. Seawell, E. R. Seawell, J. A. Sheppard, H. Thomas, Lewis Wicker, Elijah Wicker, Elisha Wicker, Eli M. Wicker, Elisha Watson, D. W. Wicker.

Initiated 5; passed 4; raised 4; rejected 1; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 0; withdrawn 1; died 0; residents not members 0; whole number 55.

Regular time of meeting, second Saturday night in each month, and St. John's days.

UNION LODGE, NO. 173, KERNERSVILLE.

OFFICERS:

T. C. Ham, Worshipful Master; Wm. Campbell, Senior Warden; J. S. Harmon, Junior Warden; Wm. P. Henley, Treasurer; H. Davis, Secretary; H. M. Lewis, Senior Deacon; J. F. Plunkett, Junior Deacon; Z. J. Stafford, Chaplain; Wm. A. Griffith, Tyler.

MEMBERS:

John H. Hester, P. M., M. P. Nicholson, J. B. Stockton, A. H. S. Beard, W. Peacock, E. F. Robbins, J. P. Robbins, A. Q. Sitts, J. J. Robbins, S. Morris, V. M. Perry, C. B. Brooks, A. D. Lindsay, P. M., G. H. Young, N. Campbell, Wm. G. Kerner, Z. D. Lancaster, H. B. Perry, R. E. Beeson, J. Perry, W. A. Stanley, J. R. Nelson, T. C. Hampton, Sol. Teague, Jas. E. Matthews, J. H. Sitts, F. C., E. B. Teague, E. A.

Initiated 3; passed 3; raised 2; rejected 0; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 0; withdrawn 2; died 0; residents not members 0; whole number 36.

Regular time of meeting, Saturday night before the full moon in each and every month, and on the 27th of December and 24th of June.

GEORGE WASHINGTON, NO. 174, CHATHAM.

OFFICERS:

W. C. Mason, Worshipful Master; J. Braudwell, Senior Warden; C. R. Scott, Junior Warden; H. Hudson, Secretary; S. Upchurch, Treasurer; W. H. Womble, Senior Deacon; A. C. Council, Junior Deacon; A. Barbee, Tyler; G. J. Williams, E. D. Council, Stewards.

MEMBERS:

J. B. Bell, M. C. Lewter, J. C. Stone, M. K. Herndon, P. B. Council, M. A. Council, Jas. Moring, J. C. Harward, H. Mulhollon, Dun. Parrish, S. F. Barbee, G. L. Barbee, G. A. Upchurch, Troy Jinks, T. W. Womble, J. S. Johnson, J. B. Lasater, R. J. Foushee, H. H. Barbee, Rev. Johnston Olive, M. Holland, P. Upchurch, N. S. Clark, Harmon Sears, A. T. Lambeth, B. G. Lambeth, T. B. Lasater, W. B. Harward, W. C. Council, L. B. Yates, M. Barbee, J. L. Stone, T. L. Lasater, A. Johnson, H. J. Lasater, Cader Olive.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

Leroy Mitchell, Thomas Morgan.

Initiated 15; passed 13; raised 16; rejected 2; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 1; withdrawn 1; died 0; residents not members 2; whole number 45.

Regular time of meeting, Saturday before the third Sabbath in each month, June excepted.

POLLOKSVILLE LODGE, NO. 175, POLLOKSVILLE.

OFFICERS:

O. S. Griffin, Worshipful Master; Franklin Foy, Senior Warden; Alfred Whitty, Junior Warden; John H. Cox, Treasurer; George W. Hall, Secretary; J. A. Barnes, Senior Deacon; Owen Adams, Junior Deacon; George W. Simmons, J. D. Haskett, Stewards; James J. Rhodes, Tyler.

MEMBERS:

R. Barnes, J. K. Bender, Bryan Bender, J. D. Hines, Christopher D. Foy, Thos. S. Gillett, James M. Cutler, David B. Bell, Ed. H. Henderson, Geo. K. Dickson, Thomas D. Foy.

Initiated 2; passed 2; raised 2; rejected 0; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 0; withdrawn 0; died 0; residents not members 0; whole number 21.

Regular time of meeting, first Saturday in every month, also the 24th day of June and the 27th day of December.

MECKLENBURG LODGE, NO. 176, MECKLENBURG.

OFFICERS:

J. R. Gillispie, Worshipful Master; J. W. A. Kerr, Senior Warden; J. M. Wilson, Junior Warden; J. L. Jetton, Senior Deacon; R. A. Bready, Junior Deacon; S. M. Withers, Treasurer; E. P. Hall, Secretary; James Sloan, Tyler.

MEMBERS:

T. Long, J. F. Johnston, A. White, W. S. D. McLean, M. D., T. F. McKey, J. A. Hannah, M. B. Caldwell, Jas. Reid, W. B. Withers, J. P. Alderson, J. A. Miller, M. T. Bynum, O. W. Asbury, J. A. Stewart, W. Jarrett, S. H. Kilgroe, J. A. Pierce, M. M. Tye, J. Goodman, Jas. Mott, M. D., A. Cohen, W. Bradford, E. A., J. R. Cathcart, W. S. Mills, Jas. Atwell, J. F. Adams, J. Asbury.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

H. F. Elliott, G. N. Hope, A. S. Brown.

Initiated 14; passed 15; raised 14; rejected 4; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 1; withdrawn 4; died 0; residents not members 3; whole number 35.

Regular time of meeting, first Wednesday in every month, and on the anniversaries of St. John the Evangelist, and St. John the Baptist.

SILOAM LODGE, NO. 178, HARRELL'S STORE.

OFFICERS:

Owen Fennell, Worshipful Master; John D. Powers, Senior Warden; J. C. Devane, Junior Warden; James L. Newkirk, Treasurer; Jas. E. Ward,

Secretary; Geo. Devane, Senior Deacon; W. U. Newkirk, Junior Deacon; James R. Newkirk, Tyler; E. G. Ward, Steward.

MEMBERS:

Wm. W. Wayne, Wm. R. Ward, Wm. T. New, Jos. Wells, Wm. Robinson, K. B. Powers, C. T. Murphy, E. T. Pigford, G. W. Ward, O. M. Lewis, C. T. Fennell, W. W. Fennell, A. C. Ward, M. H. Johnson, N. H. Fennell.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

H. F. Murphy.

Initiated 2; passed 2; raised 3; rejected 2; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 0; withdrawn 1; died 0; residents not members 1; whole number 25.

Regular time of meeting, fourth Saturday in each month, except June and December, and 24th June and 27th December.

LAFAYETTE LODGE, NO. 179, LEASBURG.

OFFICERS:

John T. Hambrick, Worshipful Master; Henry F. Branden, Senior Warden; Geo. N. Thompson, Junior Warden; E. B. Holden, Treasurer; Wm. Paylor, Jr., Secretary; J. H. Butler, Senior Deacon; John L. Fuller, Junior Deacon; R. P. Hancock, Tyler.

MEMBERS:

B. F. Stanfield, Jas. T. Sergeant, Jeff. Whitfield, John F. Wagstaff, L. D. Rudd, V. L. Morton, J. C. Wilkerson, S. T. Richmond, A. M. Fuller, Wm. Bradsher, J. W. Allen, Geo. Smith, Monroe Oliver, O. M. Lutterloh, A. J. Lockard, John D. Long, C. M. Russell, T. A. Oakley.

Initiated 3; passed 3; raised 3; rejected 4; suspended 1; expelled 0; admitted 0; withdrawn 1; died 0; residents not members 3; whole number 26.

Regular time of meeting, first and third Saturday nights in each month, and Sts. John's days.

CALDWELL LODGE, NO. 180, CHAPEL HILL.

OFFICERS:

J. B. McDade, Worshipful Master; Dr. Willis Barbee, Senior Warden; J. J. Riggsbee, Junior Warden; H. B. Guthrie, Treasurer; Wayne H. McDade, Secretary; M. R. Sugg, Senior Deacon; Sidney Whitehead, Junior Deacon; Jas. Hutchins, J. B. Neathery, Stewards; Ruffin Cheek, Tyler.

MEMBERS:

John M. Blackwook, J. W. Carr, Dr. M. Closs, R. H. Lee, M. McCauley, Sr., M. W. McCauley, A. Mickle, Rev. Jas. P. Mason, H. G. Merritt, J. G. McNab, Rev. G. W. Purifoy, Maj. W. N. Patterson, D. D. Phillips, L. H. Newton, A. Riggsbee, R. B. Saunders, Grey Utley, John White.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

J. J. Rodgers, Dr. H. M. Cave, H. J. Stone, Jno. Hutchins, Jones Watson, C. Bowers, Dr. J. Davis, J. H. McDade, S. S. Jackson, Gov. D. L. Swain, Rev. Levi Thorne, S. S. Claytor.

Initiated 2; passed 2; raised 2; rejected 1; suspended 0; expelled 1; admitted 2; withdrawn 7; died 0; residents not members 12; whole number 34.

Regular time of meeting, third Saturday night in each month.

CARTHAGE LODGE, NO. 181, CARTHAGE.

OFFICERS:

A. R. McDonald, Worshipful Master; Geo. S. Cole, Senior Warden; S. C. Barrett, Junior Warden; J. H. Caddell, Secretary; R. A. Cole, Treasurer; Wm. M. Black, Senior Deacon; A. M. Branson, Junior Deacon; H. L. Muse, Tyler and Steward.

MEMBERS:

Gen. W. D. Dowd, H. C. McLean, D. McDugald, D. M. Sinclair, A. R. Black, W. B. Richardson, J. Dunlap, M. M. Ferguson, B. P. Phillips, Dr. A. R. McFadgen, D. McDonald, William M. Person, W. C. Thagard, A. H. McNeill, P. M., J. S. Ritter, J. J. Richardson, S. W. Seawell, J. R. Maclamore, B. H. Short, S. W. Brewer, R. W. Barrett, E. Maness, Rev. William Harris, S. P. Phillips, J. M. Sowell, John A. Jackson.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

Hugh McDonald.

Initiated 1; passed 1; raised 1; rejected 1; suspended 3; expelled 2; admited 1; withdrawn 1; died 0; residents not members 1; whole number 43.

Regular time of meeting, last Saturday night in each month.

TOWNSVILLE LODGE, NO. 182, TOWNSVILLE.

OFFICERS:

James R. Duty, Worshipful Master; Isham J. Cheatham, Senior Warden; Robert T. Hughes, Junior Warden; Richard H. Hunt, Treasurer; Wm. T. Estes, Secretary; Lewis J. Peoples, Senior Deacon; James S. Lewis, Junior Deacon; Wm. R. Hagood, Tyler.

MEMBERS:

Edmond Townes, P. M., J. M. Bullock, P. M., D. K. Glover, William B. Hughes, J. R. Haskins, John W. Wiggins, Sam'l P. Wilson, O. F. Manson, Wm. R. Wiggins, D. H. Carver, Jas. M. Heggie, Willie J. Newman, Robert R. Burwell, Rich'd Evans, Jacob J. Riggan, Sam'l S. Cooper, J. A. Bullock, (honorary) Ed. W. Harris, E. L. Hunter, Rich'd B. Hunt, John H. Riggan, John Wimbush, Thos. H. Morrow, Wm. D. Morrow.

RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

John Bullock, Horace A. Burton, Wm. H. Gilliam, Thos. E. Reeks, John B. Overby, Young M. Montague.

Initiated 8; passed 10; raised 7; rejected 2; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 0; withdrawn 3; died 1; residents not members 6; whole number 69.

Regular time of meeting, third Saturday in each and every month, and on the days of the anniversary of St. John the Baptist, and St. John the Evangelist.

CENTRE GROVE LODGE, NO. 183, SUMMERFIELD.

OFFICERS:

R. K. Denny, Worshipful Master; O. McMichael, Senior Warden; John A. Lambeth, Junior Warden; Thomas Case, Treasurer; P. Wall, Secretary; S. A. Powell, Senior Deacon; C. H. Wilson, Junior Deacon; J. H. Brown, Tyler; Wm. S. Colson, Chaplain.

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RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

Levi Stephens.

Initiated 1; passed 3; raised 8; rejected 3; suspended 1; expelled 0; admitted 7; withdrawn 0; died 0; residents not members 1; whole number 71.

Regular time of meeting, Friday night before the first and third Sunday in each month.

JORDAN LODGE, NO. 184, REYNOLDSON.

OFFICERS:

J. M. H. Lee, Worshipful Master; A. J. Duke, Senior Warden; James Sears, Junior Warden; R. Henry Williams, Secretary; R. H. Lee, Treasurer; E. Cross, Senior Deacon; T. B. Langston, Junior Deacon; J. D. Goodman, Steward and Tyler; Rev. E. Howell, Chaplain.

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Initiated 2; passed 2; raised 2; rejected 0; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 2; withdrawn 1; died 0; residents not members 0; whole number 25.

Regular time of meeting, fourth Saturday in each month, and 24th June and 27th December.

SANDY CREEK LODGE, NO. 185, LAUREL.

OFFICERS:

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RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

L. Bartholomew, H. Best, R. J. Bartholomew, A. Gupton, T. B. Gupton.

Initiated 7; passed 7; raised 5; rejected 3; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 0; withdrawn 3; died 0; residents not members 5; whole number 42.

Regular time of meeting, first Saturday in each month.

PINE FOREST LODGE, NO. 186, HARNETT.

OFFICERS:

Dr. John McCormick, Worshipful Master; Duncan McCormick, Senior Warden; Sion Harrington, Junior Warden; John Small, Treasurer; L. McN. McDonald, Secretary; A. B. Jones, Senior Deacon; W. L. Hockaday, Junior Deacon; A. A. McPhail, Tyler; Gen. A. D. McLean, Chaplain; N. McLeod, D. G. Worth, Stewards.

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RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

N. A. Cameron, G. Foshee, G. W. Buhmann, D. McLeod, J. Q. Leach.

Initiated 2; passed 3; raised 3; rejected 2; suspended 0; expelled 0; admited 0; withdrawn 0; died 0; residents not members 5; whole number 41.

Regular time of meeting, first and third Saturdays from September to April, and the first Saturdays from April to September.

CENTRAL CROSS LODGE, NO. 187, NASH.

OFFICERS:

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Initiated 7; passed 5; raised 5; rejected 0; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 0; withdrawn 2; died 0; residents not members 0; whole number 42.

Regular time of meeting, second Saturday in each and every month, and also on the anniversaries of Sts. John.

BALFOUR LODGE, NO. 188, ASHEBORO'.

OFFICERS:

S. G. Worth, Worshipful Master; A. J. Hale, Senior Warden; Benj. Moffitt, Junior Warden; H. S. Brown, Senior Deacon; H. McCain, Jr., Junior Deacon; J. H. Brown, Secretary; J. McCain, Treasurer; D. Coble, Tyler.

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RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

Rev. S. Colton, D. D.

Initiated 5; passed 6; raised 6; rejected 2; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 0; withdrawn 0; died 0; residents not members 1; whole number 32.

Regular time of meeting, first Tuesday of each month, and Tuesday night of each Court for the County of Randolph.

FAIR BLUFF LODGE, NO. 190, FAIR BLUFF.

OFFICERS:

W. J. Stanly, Worshipful Master; A. J. Drake, Senior Warden; Alva Smith, Junior Warden; W. H. Smith, Treasurer; H U. Parker, Secretary; J. Q. Smith, Senior Deacon; E D. Meares, Junior Deacon; A. Robertson, Tyler; H. Coleman, E. W. Riddick, Stewards.

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RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

B. Bowden.

Initiated 22; passed 23; raised 23; rejected 8: suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 0; withdrawn 13; died 0; residents not members 1; whole number 37.

Regular time of meeting, second Saturday in every month.

GRANITE LODGE, NO. 191, CLAYTON.

OFFICERS:

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Initiated 3; passed 3; raised 5; rejected 0; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 0; withdrawn 3; died 0; residents not members 0; whole number 17.

Regular time of meeting, third Saturday in each month.

BURNSVILLE LODGE, NO. 192, YANCEY.

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RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

J. L. Crumley, R. Don Wilson.

Initiated 3; passed 0; raised 1; rejected 0; suspended 1; expelled 0; admitted 0; withdrawn 0; died 0; residents not members 2; whole number 18.

Regular time of meeting, first Thursday in each month, and Tuesday of each Superior Court.

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RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

John W. Rinaldi, H. R. Francis, Jos. R. Kemp, Robert P. Bibb.

Initiated 2; passed 1; raised 1; rejected 0; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 0; withdrawn 0; died 0; residents not members 4; whole number 21.

Regular time of meeting, first Monday in each month.

FALKLAND LODGE, NO. 196, FALKLAND.

OFFICERS:

Dr. David P. Cutchin, Worshipful Master; Wm. L. Tyer, Senior Warden; Wm. M. King, Junior Warden; Rich'd F. Williams, Treasurer; John King, Secretary; John Peebles, Senior Deacon; Willis R. Williams, Junior Deacon; W. B. F. Newton, Tyler.

MEMBERS:

William Peebles, Walter N. Peebles.

Initiated 1; passed 1; raised 2; rejected 0; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 0; withdrawn 1; died 0; residents not members 0; whole number 10.

Regular time of meeting, first Saturday of each month, at 1 o'clock, P. M.

CHEROKEE LODGE, NO. 197, ROCKINGHAM.

OFFICERS:

John W. May, Worshipful Master; James M. Grogan, Senior Warden; Martin Grogan, Junior Warden; Nathaniel H. Dodd, Secretary; Thomas D. Price, Treasurer; Jno. H. Price, Senior Deacon; Gustavus A. Smith, Junior Deacon; Reace Price, Tyler; Wm. A. Mitchell, Chaplain.

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Initiated 6; passed 7; raised 7; rejected 0; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 0; withdrawn 0; died 0; residents not members 0; whole number 22.

Regular time of meeting, second Saturday of each month, and 27th of December.

CAREY LODGE, NO. 198, WAKE.

OFFICERS:

Jas. E. Allen, Worshipful Master; W. J. Holeman, Senior Warden; R. H. Jones, Junior Warden; J. S. Holeman, Secretary; Solomon King, Treasurer; Alvin Betts, Tyler.

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RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

J. Q. Adams.

Initiated 0; passed 0; raised 0; rejected 0; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 0; withdrawn 0; died 0; residents not members 1; whole number 14.

Regular time of meeting, Saturday before second Sunday in each month.

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OFFICERS:

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RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

W. L. Cecil, D. L. Clark.

Initiated 17; passed 18; raised 20; rejected 4; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 1; withdrawn 1; died 0; residents not members 2; whole number 38.

Regular time of meeting, Saturday night before each full Moon.

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OFFICERS:

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Initiated 6; passed 7; raised 6; rejected 1; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 0; withdrawn 0; died 0; residents not members 0; whole number 18.

Regular time of meeting, third Saturday in every month.

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OFFICERS:

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Dr. E. Jennings, Wm. Jenks, J. B. Harry, B. F. Goode, B. F. Briggs.

Initiated 15; passed 13; raised 13; rejected 0; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 0; withdrawn 0; died 0; residents not members 5; whole number 33.

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Initiated 5; passed 5; raised 5; rejected 0; suspended 0; expelled 1; admitted 0; withdrawn 0; died 0; residents not members 0; whole number 24.

Regular time of meeting, first Friday night of each month.

MINGO LODGE, NO. 206, SAMPSON.

OFFICERS:

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MEMBERS:

L. H. Lee, Wm. Harris, F. Jernigan, Leonard Godwin, Josh. Godwin, Ryon Giles.

Initiated; 0 passed 0; raised 0; rejected 0; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 4; withdrawn 0; died 0; residents not members 0; whole number 14.

LEBANON LODGE, NO. 207, WHITESVILLE.

OFFICERS:

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RESIDENTS NOT MEMBERS:

A. S. Butner, Calvin Haynes, Warren Haynes, W. K. Gore.

Initiated 6; passed 5; raised 4; rejected 4; suspended 0; expelled 0; admitted 0; withdrawn 0; died 0; residents not members 4; whole number 19.

Regular time of meeting, fourth Saturday in every month.

The following Lodges were overlooked in the Report of the Committee on Credentials:

Carolina, No. 141—Geo. Riley.
Mt. Vernon, No. 143—L. J. Merritt, J. W. Hatch.
Taylor, No. 144—T. B. Farrar.
Palmyra, No. 147—N. S. Stewart, A. Parker.
Adoniram, No. 149—Lewis Garnett.
Chalmers, No. 151—L. J. Merritt.
White Stone, No. 155—W. H. Hood, M. Whitly, F. G. Foster.
Knap of Reeds, No. 158—J. Flemming, D. Peed.
Townsville, No. 182—J. J. Cheatham.

NOTE—The Grand Secretary begs leave to state that the delay in the publication of the proceedings was unavoidable on his part and on that of the Printer. They could have been sent out a month sooner, but for a delay in forwarding to the Printer a report necessary to accompany the proceedings.

The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was printed in Wilmington under the supervision of the chairman of that Committee.

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APPENDIX.

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Report of the Commitee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted to the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, at its Annual Communication held in Raleigh, on the 5th day of December, A. D., 1859, *A. L.*, 5859.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence having performed the duty assigned them, although not in so satisfactory manner as could be desired, beg leave to present to the Grand Lodge the result of their labors, as set forth in the following

REPORT:

They have endeavored to review the proceedings of twenty three Grand Lodges placed in their hands by the Grand Secretary, to wit:

Texas,	January,	1858.	Maryland,	May,	1858.
Mississippi,	"	"	Indiana,	"	"
Vermont,	"	"	California,	"	"
Michigan,	"	"	New Hampshire,	June,	"
Minnesota,	"	"	Wisconsin,	"	"
Florida,	"	"	New York,	"	"
Louisiana,	February,	"	Nebraska,	"	"
Virginia,	"	"	Iowa,	"	"
South Carolina,	March,	"	Oregon,	"	"
Maine,	May,	"	Delaware,	August,	"
Missouri,	"	"	Tennessee,	October,	"

and Canada.

together with sundry others of previous years, which have not attracted attention—also two circulars from Bro. John Dove, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, relative to the purchase of Mount Vernon; and another from the same source in reference to a Universal Congress, beside various other letters and circulars of minor importance.

The Chairman, in the outset, deems it proper to state, that no other member of the Committee has been consulted in the preparation of the Report—it is therefore apparent that he alone is responsible for defects of composition, as well as for unwarranted criticisms, unsound arguments and opinions, or any other errors that may be detected, when subjected to the ordeal of rigid scrutiny. Neither should it be inferred, by the reception of the report, that the Grand Lodge necessarily becomes in any manner compromised thereby, as to its contents,

unless, perchance, glaringly offensive language should be sufficient cause for rejection. We are even warring in some of our opinions, as well against the Grand Lodge we represent, as against many others who claim high masonic distinction; such influences, however, can never change the honest convictions of our own heart, nor deter us from the plain path of duty. We can never be induced to pander to the false theories set up by any one, however lofty his pretensions, nor follow in the wake of error, however tempting the garb it may assume. Our attachment—nay, our devotion, to the glorious Order we would forever perpetuate, forbids that we should ever, by any instrumentality, be the means of basely tarnishing its fair escutcheon, or of encouraging, in the remotest degree, any movement or scheme calculated to dim its lustre or impair its usefulness. Our apology for introducing these reflections, may be found in the cause that provoked them—for years we have discovered, with fearful forebodings, a disposition to *improve* upon the structure that our forefathers have erected—it has been found to be defective in many particulars; modern progressionists and penetrating intellects have conceived the elating idea of adding, by an ingenious process, to its proportions, beauty, strength and grandeur. If not by the united action of those who revere the Institution for its antiquity and the unchangeableness of its laws, rights and customs, the lines be speedily drawn and an effective check be given to these persistent inroads, it will soon have become so disfigured as to bear so faint a resemblance to its original, as hardly to be recognized or owned. It is vain to attempt to make it assimilate to other associations by engrafting upon the body of Masonry any of their puerilities—Masonry is unlike all other institutions, and must remain so. It is an Institution by itself and to itself, and seeks no unholy alliances. It pursues the even tenor of its way, quarreling with no one for opinions' sake—infringing upon no consecrated ground—trust in God, and Charity to all mankind its motto. The term is of universal import, affording its embrace to all who seek it and claim the attributes of a man, acknowledging his responsibility.

The Proceedings that have passed under review of the Committee, embrace a vast amount of valuable matter, the bare reading of which, with any sort of satisfaction, would consume the time of months. It must not, therefore, be expected that every question presenting itself, however interesting, should receive that degree of attention, which its merits might seem to demand. In our examinations, we find much complaint against the practice of over-legislation—that is, agitating, and legislating upon questions of an exciting character, which have, by com-

mon consent, been suffered to repose, or at least are of such a nature as, in their discussion, is calculated only to inflame the passions and distract the operations of the Craft. We must not, however, judge too harshly those who are instrumental in these movements—their motives are probably as pure as are those who would prevent them—it is the *act*, not the *motive*, we attack and condemn. If Masons would interest themselves more in entering into an examination of the origin and operations of our Order—by seeking a knowledge of its history and design—not from authors who *think* what ought to be, but from those who *know* what is—the mists that now enshroud so many brows, would immediately dissipate like morning dew before the sun.

The proceedings, to a great extent, overflow with discussions for and against new tests, innovations in general, and non-affiliation. Had your Committee despotic power, they would at once expunge all proceedings from every masonic record involving these questions, wherever they appear. We will be pardoned for a candid expression of opinion on these several subjects, without resort to argument in proof of their validity. In the first place, retrospective laws can have no force and are in-operative; in the second, *tests* introduced within a score of years cannot claim antiquity, and are therefore impotent on that score. Again, *innovations* are never to be tolerated; why then attempt to force their recognition? And as to affiliation, the necessity has never, 'till of recent date, been insisted upon. We admit that Masons ought to belong to a lodge, and that Lodges ought to admit Masons—so far then as obligations go the Lodge and the individual stand upon a par, for certainly the obligation to join, implies an obligation to admit; how can a man enter when the door is shut against him? Besides, the condition of both Lodge and Mason must be such as to oppose no barrier—this is not always the case; both individual and Lodge, or either, may be in offensive condition—the individual, of course, is then to suffer. Like the wife of a drunken husband, who was to be whipped, whether she sat up and burnt the candle or went to bed—so with him, punishment in either dilema would be his doom. In a word, is not the relation between the Lodge and the man positively and absolutely a voluntary one on both sides? The man voluntarily seeks the degrees of Masonry, the Lodge voluntarily confers them—the one pays his money, the other gives an equivalent. Neither at this stage, or any other, has it been intimated to him that he has been duped, unless he avail himself of membership; true, it may be proffered him, but the voluntary feature still remains unchanged. He certainly would be surprised to discover there-

after that he stood on the same footing as a disgraced Mason! But we are betrayed into arguing the case and will stop.

Let us now direct our attention to more serious affairs. Our beloved country, if not the whole world, is in a state of convulsion; the signs of the times are pregnant with evil forebodings, and, without the greatest discretion on all sides, or some providential interference, we may, in a moment, be deluged in the most heart-rending distress. What is the mission of Masonry in the midst of such a threatening aspect—is it not to battle with all her moral energy to avert the impending calamity? But to will it and she can do it. Let us not then, like Nero, stand by and look on and worse than fiddle whilst Rome burns. It becomes the imperative duty of Masons, both individually and collectively, to throw oil upon the troubled waters and to interpose their strongest influences in allaying bitter animosities, which, left unsubdued to rankle in the breast, at length break forth in madness, impatient of restraint, and heed not friend or foe in the sad work of brutal vengeance that surely follows. We cannot be censured for this digression, prompted by the strongest feelings of humanity—Masons must be true to their trust.

It may be expected that we will discuss the merits of the Masonic Congress, concocted recently in Chicago; not having the detail of the plan at hand, we shall abstain from comment, relying on a full presentation of the subject to the Grand Lodge by our Most Worthy Grand Master. We may, however, be permitted to say that, individually, we have always been in favor of sustaining such General Grand Bodies, provided always that they be properly organized, and, that such wholesome regulations as might be demanded of such associations, should be adopted and carried out in good faith. Still, in view of the discordant feelings existing among the fraternity generally, on this subject, we doubt the policy at least of any decided action at this time, or at any other, unless there be a certain prospect of harmonizing all the parties interested.

In the progress of our review, we have endeavored to express our sentiments in plain, intelligible language, without any effort at embellishment, or any desire to produce sensation. It has been written under very unfavorable circumstances; being late in commencing it, we were obliged to furnish the copy to the printer, in sheets, as we wrote, in order to comply with the requisition of the Grand Lodge to have it published in advance of the day of its convocation—so that no opportunity has been offered us for its revision.

We have thought proper not to prepare any resolutions for the action of the Grand Lodge, deeming it more advisable in

this instance, for that matter to be referred to a Special Committee, or otherwise, at the discretion of your Grand Body. With these preliminaries, we will pay our respects to the Proceedings of the several Grand Bodies with which we have been favored:

TEXAS.—The proceedings of Texas make a very sizeable volume, and are by no means destitute of interest; containing the evidence of much business and having appended various forms and tables and other matter valuable to the Lodges. The Grand Master's Address is a business paper, and treats of matters particularly interesting in that jurisdiction. We look upon it as considerably out of place to give publicity, through a newspaper, to such a resolution as follows: "*Resolved*, That it is contrary to, and in violation of, the great principles of Masonry, for any member of the Fraternity to engage in the retail of intoxicating liquors as an avocation"—especially as it induced from a Brother, who considered the action personal, a simultaneous reply of an offensive character, and which finally brought him to trial and suspension. Bro. J. B. Likens, Chairman, submitted the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, reviewing somewhat extensively, thirty-one Proceedings. "During the Masonic year just closed," observe the Committee,

"No permanent cloud of sorrow has cast its dark shadow over our prospects—we mourn few brothers dead—behold no strife in our household—deplore no more calamity calculated to tarnish the fairness of our noble escutcheon; but, on the contrary, the familiar faces of a year ago, welcome us to-day; we see Brotherly Love prevailing in our midst, and Masonry having passed the trying ordeal of another year's experience, stands, *par excellence*, second to no institution on earth."

The proceedings of North Carolina (for 1856) receive the respectful attention of the Committee, except in commenting on the case of evident oversight in a Committee who report "on changing the time and the alternate meetings of the Grand Lodge, that they know of no Grand Lodge that alternates from place to place, conceiving that subject to be contrary to Masonic usages, and beneath the dignity of the Grand Lodge,"—to which they reply:

"The Brethren who reported this resolution, and the Grand Lodge that adopted it, either must confess that they are not thoroughly conversant with the history of their sister Grand Bodies, of which the following do alternate in their sittings: Ohio, Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, Connecticut and Texas, or being so informed, are unwilling to concede to them that *dignity*, which some *good* judges have awarded them; if they take one horn of the dilemma, and 'plead ignorance,' then we forgive them; if the other, then we must respectfully suggest that they first pluck from their own eyes that mote of 'northern black mail subscriptions,' and then pass upon the *dignity* of those Grand Lodges that do alternate."

Our brethren might, in all charity, have been spared this rough rebuke from the Committee; and that Committee the suspicion of indulging in a bit of unprovoked ill nature. We have been enabled only cursorily to examine the pleasing Oration, by R. W. J. W. Latimer, Grand Orator, appended to the

proceedings. The Committee on the Grand Master's Address, offered the following resolution for adoption:

"*Resolved*, That the Committee on Work be *required* to exemplify the Work as agreed upon by them, at the Grand Communication, at Huntsville, in June last, at which time there shall se selected suitable Grand Lecturers to disseminate said Work to the Subordinate Lodges throughout the States."

MISSISSIPPI.—These proceedings are yet the most voluminous that have come under our observation—two-thirds of which, however, are devoted to returns of Subordinate Lodges, to redistricting the State and appointing of D. D. G. Masters, to suspensions, expulsions, &c., of various jurisdictions within the United States, and to tabular statements and statistics. We were particularly struck with the list of suspensions, expulsions, reinstatements and deaths, which was most appalling and melancholy to behold! An aggregate of at least twenty-five hundred is named—some jurisdictions not included. An evidence, at least, of a sort of recklessness in making Masons. There is no surer sign of bad work, than that it has to be undone. The Grand Master, in his address, thus beautifully and truthfully expresses himself:

"We should be careful, however, to pursue the line of an enlightened judgment, which ever teaches us not to sacrifice masonic intelligence to masonic feeling, though both elements are evidently essential to the formation of the true character of a mason, as the designs of our order strike their roots into both our rational and emotional nature. Most truly has it been remarked, that steam may propel but cannot guide the vessel in its mystic path across the ocean—zeal is right and proper in its place, but wisdom is profitable to direct and to equalize—for "knowledge is power" in masonry, no less than in the affairs of church or State. The tender promptings of our emotional nature are to the making up of masonic character, what steam is to navigation, and yet the mariner's compass is not more necessary to the proper guidance of the ship's helm, than is an enlightened judgment to the proper direction of our charities, or the selection of proper materials, out of which to erect the masonic edifice in its membership. For as one defective beam might endanger the stability of the noblest edifice, so does one unworthy member mar the fair proportions of our order, and sends a thrill of sorrow to each heart that throbs for a good name or remembrance among men or masons."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence have been favored with the printed proceedings of thirty-one Grand Lodges, which they as briefly review as the nature of the case and the requirements of duty will admit. This report fully redeems the pledge they made, and is very acceptably prepared by the Grand Secretary, R. W. T. Daniel, as Chairman. North Carolina is duly noticed, and the address of the Grand Master represented as full of interest. The condition of Canadian affairs challenges more discussion, and occupies more space in the numerous proceedings that have passed under our review, than all other subjects combined. A great deal of information that has been thus elicited, it is true, may not be destitute of interest—in fact, may be of vital importance to a proper understanding of the position or character of eruptions with which the Masonic Institution is continually startled—such as secessions, re-organizations and independent associations. But, we

are not prepared to follow the example set us, and shall therefore content ourselves with offering briefly, such criticisms as a perusal of the Canadian proceedings may suggest. On the subject of non-affiliation and demits, the Committee refer to the opinion and acts of twenty-two Grand Lodges; had your Committee power, they would, with a single dash, blot out the entire record, and prohibit hereafter such unprofitable legislation.

Vermont.—The Proceedings of this Grand Lodge Convocation, in January, 1858, are interesting, and indicate a healthy condition of the Craft in that locality. The Grand Master, Philip C. Tucker, in his Address, justly complains—two harshly we think—of the action of the Grand Lodge of New York, in sustaining one of its subordinates, which had infringed upon the jurisdiction of Vermont, by initiating and raising, under aggravated circumstances, a citizen of that State. Subsequently, however, the Grand Lodge of New York made the proper amends, by censuring its subordinate and requiring a transfer of the fees to the complaining Lodge.

This question of jurisdiction is one of great delicacy, but which has been definitely settled, and is regarded as sacred by the Craft at large. A Grand Lodge jurisdiction is bounded by the limits of the State—a subordinate Lodge by an equi-distance with those which immediately surrounded it—and an individual by that of his nearest Lodge, unless in cities, or localities where a plurality of Lodges are established. A departure from these regulations is irregular, without proper consent first obtained. North Carolina has had frequent cause of complaint in this respect—and your Committee would most respectfully and fraternally caution sister jurisdictions against the imposition of applicants—sojourners—residents, in fact, of other jurisdictions, especially of North Carolina. It is generally conceded, that an individual legitimately receiving the degrees in any regular Lodge, is entitled, wherever he may be, to recognition—but where deception is practised, it cannot be legal, and should forever disgrace the parties for so unpardonable an act.

The Grand Master also brings up the subject of non-affiliated Masons—a theme of ceaseless agitation—recommending to the Grand Lodge the most stringent action in reference thereto; an article in the By-Laws would seem to meet the views of the Grand Master, by suspending the delinquents, and excluding them and their families from all their privileges as Masons. To sustain his position, the Grand Master lays down two propositions, which are, that "the Brother who will not affiliate with the Lodge nearest him, not only avows disrespect to the

Order, but leaves himself fairly chargeable with the meanness of evading the payment of his just share towards its support." And that "the Brother belonging to a Lodge, who neglects to meet with it, and pays no dues, stands in a position morally similar." The second proposition we fully endorse—the first cannot justly be sustained. Before you talk of *compelling* Masons to join a Lodge, the Lodge must first be *compelled* to receive them. If an individual complies with all the obligations imposed upon him on his admission, no others can be justly demanded of him. It is optional with him, on his initiation, to join the Lodge or not; if he neglect it beyond the prescribed time, a ballot has to take place, and he may be rejected. What then becomes of his duty to affiliate? An individual once made a Mason cannot be deprived of any of the characteristics with which he was then endowed, except for Masonic offence. Notwithstanding these very rational views of the case, we do not envy the feelings of that conscience-seared Mason who is ready to participate in all the sociabilities of Masonry, without manifesting a corresponding disposition to aid, according to his ability, in enlarging and perpetuating that privilege.

The Address farther comments largely and severely on the irregular manner of procedure of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Canada. Any body of Masons, whether Grand or Subordinate, if not legally constituted, agreeably to the regulations already established, should not be countenanced or endorsed. Our own intelligent Grand Master, in his last Annual Address, urging non-intervention under present circumstances, take the only sensible view of the Canada difficulty, which, being referred to a Committee, was approved by Resolution, and confirmed by the Grand Lodge. We understand, however, that the Grand Lodge of Canada (united) has been duly recognized by the Grand Lodge of England, so that now there seems to be no obstacle to a general recognition, and to fraternal greetings and intercourse with that Grand Body.

In accordance with a resolution, the Grand Master appointed Bro. J. Q. A. Fellows, of New Orleans, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, in the Grand Lodge of Louisiana—and Bro. Wm. P. Russell, of Middleburry, was recommended as Representative from the Grand Lodge of Louisana, to the Grand Lodge of Vermont. Bro. Aldis Bernard, of Montreal, was also appointed as Representative in the Independent Grand Lodge of Canada. This practice appears to be gaining favor with Grand Lodges, and is recommended to the consideration of our own. Its universal adoption, it is believed, would be attended with great advantages to the Craft, especi-

cially in the cultivation and maintenance of that spirit of fraternal respect and forbearance, which is ever considered as the peculiar characteristic of a Mason.

Br. W. G. Shaw, as Chairman, made the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, acknowledging the receipt of the Proceedings of thirty-six Grand Lodges, including North Carolina for 1856. Although "want of time and space prevented the Committee from taking up, and noticing the proceedings of each Grand Lodge, separately," they have nevertheless laboriously compiled a very interesting statistical table, showing at a glance the condition of Masonry throughout the United States. We condense the table, giving the aggregate of the figures under their appropriate heads.

Thirty-four Grand Lodges, Vermont not included, are enumerated, showing

Initiations,	3,982
Members,	144,449
Installations,	19,599
Expulsions,	761
Deaths,	1,788
Revenue,	$131,931.98

The greater portion of the Report is occupied with quotations, pro and con, from various proceedings, relative to the test introduced of late years, affirming a belief in the divine authenticity of the Holy Scriptures. If Grand Lodges, in their discussions, would confine themselves to questions unmistakably Masonic, they would be relieved of one great cause of reproach; and the bitter feelings now frequently disturbing the harmony of our associations, would die for lack of nourishment.

Michigan.—The proceedings of this Grand Lodge, Jan. 1858, are before us. The Grand Master, in his address, ably discusses many subjects of interest to the craft. Infringement of jurisdiction in that quarter appears to be of too common occurrence. The Grand Master reported the reception of an official communication from Indiana, that on complaint of Tyre Lodge of Michigan, against Meridian Sun Lodge of Indiana, for the improper admission of candidates from the former jurisdiction; said complaint was promptly referred to a Committee, who reported against the action of the latter Lodge, directing the money received to be paid over to Tyre Lodge. The same Committee further say, that, on examining the papers submitted to them, they find that Tyre Lodge had committed a similar offence; that Lodge, on being required to answer the charge, justified itself by the production of authority for its acts, granted by the Grand Master of Indiana. In reference to this matter, "the Committee are led to believe that a system

of border warfare has been going on between some of the border Lodges, on both sides of the line, which, to say the least, is highly censurable and should now be stopped, or otherwise, it may lead to great difficulties." We are gratified in transferring, for the benefit of our brethren, the following very sensible remarks of the R. W. Stillman Blanchard, Grand Lecturer, embodied in his report to the Grand Lodge:

"The eight hundred officers of Lodges in this jurisdiction, embody an amount of education, talent and energy, rarely found in any other Institution; and all that is required to make the Order in Michigan, a continued source of honor and profit to the Brethren at large, is, a persistent effort on the part of the Grand Lodge to promote, among the subordinate Lodges, as far as practicable, uniformity of work, harmony of action, and an enlarged view of the tenets of the Order. Our Brethren are aware, that Free Masonry is founded upon certain grand and noble principles, which I have deemed it my duty to inculcate, and impress upon the Lodges; that their meetings, at all times, whether few or many are present, may be regular, dignified and profitable But in order that those principles may be properly developed, and presented in an agreeable and inviting form, it is absolutely necessary that Lodges should select for their Masters, men who are not merely capable of presenting the subject of Masonry in a cold and lifeless manner, but who, being themselves deeply embued with the soul of Masonry, can present its spirited ritual to their Brethren, as a living, breathing reality —the perfection of moral excellence and beauty, illuminated by the divine spirit of poetic truth. It is with pleasure I add, that among the many talented officers of Lodges within this jurisdiction, they are few, indeed, who are not striving to infuse a degree of life and spirit into their work, which is above all praise."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence briefly view the proceedings of twenty-four Grand Lodges—North Carolina not acknowledged.

Minnesota.—This Grand Lodge, of which we have the proceedings, held its communication in January, 1858, M. W. A. T. C. Pierson, Grand Master, who remarks in his address that,

"Several applications have been made to me for dispensations to confer degrees upon candidates "*who desired to leave, and had no time to make the required proficiency.*" Which applications I have *refused in every instance.* In times of old, E. A. served their Masters seven years. I do not subscribe to the doctrine that we are so much wiser than our fathers, that E. A. should not be required to serve their Masters at all, or only so long as it might be necessary to arrange for the second degree; *rushing* candidates through the degrees is of no advantage to the initiate, but of positive injury to the craft. The Brother thus made is unable to gain admission to any well-governed Lodge where he is not personally known, and reflects discredit upon the Lodge and jurisdiction in which he was made."

Our worthy Brother is right. We cannot conceive a more irksome task than to be of a committee to examine a visitor who has been stupidly made, and forever carries the mark about him. We approve this resolution: "*Resolved*, That a petition for the degrees in Masonry cannot be withdrawn from the Lodge unless formally reported upon by the committee of investigation, and then only by unanimous vote of the Lodge"—adopted.

The Committee on Foreign Communications reviewed the proceedings of twenty-seven Grand Lodges, and regret that North Carolina, among others, was not received. Bro. G. W. Prescott, Chairman. The correctness of the decision of the Grand Master of Arkansas, endorsed by the Committee of

Minnesota, strikes us very forcibly—thus: "The ballot should always be spread, whether the investigating Committee report favorably or unfavorably. An entry should never be made, either on the petition or Lodge books of how the Committee reported." Such provision seems to your Committee necessary, in order to shield the Committee from prejudice in having, as it were, their vote recorded—a practice which, upon reflection, must be universally condemed.

Florida.—The Proceedings—of no small magnitude—of this Grand Lodge, are mostly absorbed by the interesting Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented by Bro. Thos. Brown, Chairman. The proceedings of twenty-eight Grand Lodges, including North Carolina, receive marked attention, liberal quotations being made from their pages, accompanied generally with well tempered criticism. Our limited space will not allow full justice to this production—we can only notice it in brief. In reference to an abortive attempt by Arkansas, to establish a Masonic College, dependent measurably upon the imposition of assessments on all affiliated Masons within the jurisdiction, and voluntary contributions from outsiders, the Committee "deferentially ask", for what purpose is this struggle made to build up a literary institution to be placed under the patronage of a *Masonic* institution, when *confessedly* they had not the means to accomplish the enterprise?" Your committee, advocating the appliance of all proper means towards the cause of universal education, now allude to the subject, simply for the purpose of suggesting how periled the harmony of a Lodge becomes, by an overflowing treasury, and by engaging in enterprises to be so controlled as to serve only as temptations for the ambitious, and aliment for the disaffected, Most, if not all similar enterprises have proved disastrous by causing fatal estrangements, if not destruction. The lesson hereby taught is *caution*—confine your deliberations exclusively to subjects strictly Masonic—wrangle not over matters foreign to your profession—harmonize in all your intercourse and actions—frown upon improprieties, and promptly punish iniquity.

While reviewing the proceedings of Georgia, the Committee's views relative to the position of Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts, are about right—each is entitled to be present at any meeting in his degree, and to join in all but special processions, and are called Masons, but are not in reality so, according to the general acceptance of the term, until they receive in full the Master's degree. As to voting, it is impossible for them to do so intelligently, being yet but novices in their profession; nor can they participate in any business of the Lodge,

which, according to the teachings of your Committee, should be transacted only in the Master's degree.

Alluding to the loose practice of sundry Lodges in the transaction of business, in the unwarranted haste with which the degrees are conferred, regardless of a solemn duty due the candidate and the Craft to instruct and enlighten at every step—and to the unpardonable indifference manifested in the unwillingness with which Masonic duties of the most binding nature are performed—the Florida Committee say by way of censure, that "the *meetings* of Lodges in these days, are regarded as for no other purpose but to make Masons—that is to increase the number of their members, and the amount of their funds. And if it is understood that there are no candidates to be received, initiated, or passed, it is ten chances to one, if there will be any *Lodge*, even on a regular night. Such was not the case in times gone by, which we fear will never return, when Freemasons were fewer and not so easily made." Cannot Masons and Lodges be quickened to realize the responsibility that rests upon them, in the character they have assumed, and their accountability for the evils which may grow out of a betrayal of their most sacred trusts?

This Grand Lodge is respectfully noticed by the Committee and several extracts from the Proceedings are approvingly given.

The Florida Report abounds with opinions freely expressed, upon almost every subject interesting to the Craft, from which we must reluctantly turn, that we may not appear too exclusive.

We must not omit to say that, appended to the Florida proceedings, is an Oration reflecting honor to its author, delivered on the occasion of the installation of Grand Officers, by M. E. Rob't Morriss, D. G. M. of Kentucky.

Louisiana.—The Proceedings of this Grand Lodge fill a pamphlet of no small magnitude—but most if not all the matter contained therein, is worthy of the space it occupies. The Grand Master, M. W. Wm. M. Perkins, in his spirited Address brings to the notice of the Grand Lodge, many delinquences, besides several outrages of sundry disorderly and rebellious Lodges which have withdrawn from its control and defy its authority. We have never seen anything in our Masonic experience more impertinent than some of the official communications and resolutions of these outlaws, and which are also published in the proceedings. One very coolly invites all Free Masons remaining under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, to continue to the offender the same friendly and fraternal feelings as heretofore. Another proffers to pay past arrearages upon terms dictated *by itself*. Another *respectable* Lodge withdraws with regret, the Secretary signing the communication with the flourish—"I have

the favor to salute you by the Masonic numbers and signs to you known. By order of the respectable Lodge." All which is perfectly absurd to your committee, and satisfies them of the extinction of every particle of Masonic honor, and the forfeiture of all claim to respectful consideration. These Lodges, with some others similarly situated, hold on to their Charters for a show of regularity. The Grand Master notices the application of a Lodge, enquiring what is the position of a Brother who had been regularly entered, passed and half raised, when he sloped, refusing to return. We agree with the W. Master —he should not, in present condition, be recognized at all. We are truly sorry to see difficulties accumulate in the Louisiana Jurisdiction—the mixed, diversified character of her population is probably the main cause.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is drawn up with much care and industry by its able Chairman, Brother Amos Adams, who very modestly sums up the result of his labors in this sort:

"Your Committee will not offer any excuse for the manner in which this report is drawn up. The writer has had full time to examine and select from the mass of matter before him, nor can he claim any exemption from the press of business, but he is frank to acknowledge want of tact or ability to satisfy even himself, much less the Grand Lodge. He is conscious that he might have made better selections, from the vast amount of matter before him, but such as it is, it is offered to the Grand Lodge. It is the *first*, and probably the *last*, report to this Grand Lodge, that he will be called upon as Chairman or Sub-Chairman of the Committee to make; whoever undertakes it, and does justice to himself and the Grand Lodge, will find no easy task."

The proceedings of thirty-six Grand Lodges are received, including four out of the States. Most of the questions discussed have heretofore been enlarged upon; we agree upon many, but not all of the deductions of the report. Appended to the proceedings is a lecture of unequaled merit, delivered at the request of the Grand Lodge, before that Grand Body, by Bro. Albert Pike; it is replete with masonic lore and valuable matter, and is altogether of too interesting a character to be confined within a narrow circulation.

VIRGINIA.—The proceedings of a Special Communication of this Grand Lodge, held in February, 1858, and of the annual communication in 1857, are before us.

We quote from the introductory portion of the Grand Master's address, which will briefly explain the object of the special meeting:

"*Brethren:* I have convened the Masonic Craft of Virginia at this city, and on the auspicious day, the 22nd February, to repair with me to the Capital Grounds of this Metropolis, there to Dedicate that Monument to the memory of our Illuustious Brother GEORGE WASHINGTON, the corner stone of which you laid on this day eight years ago. This pleasing duty I know you will most cheerfully perform, and I need not add, with that good order and decorum belonging to and becoming the dignity and moral grandeur of our beloved Institution."

We quote from one of the addresses of the day, the following patriotic sentiments:

"We will, then, this day gather together the Nation's Affections, and bind them as American fasces around this Statute, erected by the Mother State to the Father Son—

Virginia!———
"Parent of valor, cast away thy fear!
Mother of men, be proud without a tear!"

"What a theme! What a scene for men and angels! May our God, in whose bosom he rests, who guarded him in our country's battles, and who guided him in our country's councils, vouchsafe that this spirit may continue to hover over the land he saved, and perpetuate it, peaceful, powerful, plentiful and free, through all vicissitudes of storm and sunshine, until earthly monuments shall moulder into dust and Humanity shall triumph over the Probation of Time, or Time itself shall be no more!"

The regular proceedings, being prior to 1858, coming within the rule we have been compelled to adopt, we can only notice that they are of a generally interesting character, and, in a kind spirit, admonish one of the Committees of North Carolina against the practice of inadvertently suffering to go in print, expressions improper to be written.

South Carolina.—We have the proceedings, covering sixty-two pages, of this Grand Lodge, from January, 1857, to March 1858. Although small, they are none the less interesting. Most of the proceedings, however, are devoted to the consideration of local affairs, and to revisions of the Grand Constitution. The Grand Secretary—and one better qualified could not be selected—seems to be the official to whose charge the labor of preparing the report on Foreign Correspondence is committed. Brother Mackey is undoubtedly one of the first Masonic Jurists in our order, and probably the most able expounder of Masonic law, of which our institution can boast—with this acknowledgement of the superior abilities and pre-eminent position of our worthy brother, we must be allowed boldly to protest against the obnoxious doctrines advocated by him in the following extract: "it will be remembered," says brother Mackey,

"By some who now hear me, that for many years I have stood up almost "solitary and alone" in defence of the doctrine, that a Grand Lodge has the prerogative of restoring an expelled or suspended member to membership in his Lodge, as well as to the rights and privileges of Masonry. At length I am supported in that doctrine, at one time so unpopular, by the Grand Lodge of Missouri, which, by a special resolution, required Middletown Lodge, No. 50, "to obey the edicts of the Grand Lodge in the matter of Br. Parker, by at once restoring him to *all the privileges of membership in said Lodge*, or that their charter be immediately arrested

"The principle then, is now admitted by Missouri, than which no State contains more intelligent or skillful workmen, than when a Lodge wrongfully deprives a Mason of his membership, the Grand Lodge may interfere and redress the wrong, by restoring him to his rights, of which he has been wrongfully deprived. This is the doctrine for which I have always contended, and the reasons for which I have given at large in some of my former reports as well as in my Treatise on the Principles of Masonic Law. For this support of Missouri, I am thankful, but the doctrine, I believe, will yet be universally adopted." *Magna est veritas et prevalebit.*

We refer to his principles of Masonic Law, wherein he says: "The general" (and we insist the correct) "opinion in this country is, that when a Mason is expelled by his Lodge, the Grand Lodge may restore him to the rights and privileges of Masonry, but cannot restore him to membership in his Lodge." He still

continues: "My own opinion, in contradiction to this, is, that when the Grand Lodge restores an expelled Mason, on the ground that the punishment of expulsion from the rights and privileges of Masonry was too severe and disproportioned to the offence, it may or may not restore him to membership in his Lodge." We have quoted all, we believe, that is necessary to a proper understanding of the case as contended by Bro. Mackey. In reply to all this, which we can regard only as a fallacy, we do not hesitate to express the conviction that, should our Grand Lodges ever adopt such a regulation and attempt to put it in practice, every Subordinate Lodge in the country would instantly, by acclumation, avow its discontent at so unsufferable a usurpation. Furthermore, we declare, that no power on earth, not excepting the Grand Lodge, has the authority to dictate to a Lodge, otherwise than upon Constitutional grounds, or established regulations, who shall compose its membership, nor compel it to receive a member whom it has discarded. Among the prerogatives of a Lodge, is that of choosing and retaining the members of its own household; if this be done in accordance with their By-Laws, by whom shall they be arraigned? When a Lodge expels a member, they know best whether they want him back or not—a ballot at any time will decide that question. Lodges have been chartered without the restriction of the rights alluded to; should Grand Lodges hereafter establish regulations so derogatory to those rights, it would be an act of violence justifying in the Lodges a surrender of their Charters. We can agree with our Brother when, reviewing the Grand Master of California's address, he thus remarks:

"He speaks of the 'side degrees,' as they are called, in strong terms of condemnation, and very justly characterizes them as being 'generally as worthless as their ceremonies are ridiculous and absurd.' But he does not recommend any legislative enactments for their extirpation, for the very excellent reason that there is, in point of fact, no such connection between them and masonry as to authorize the interposition of masonic law. The remedy he proposes is to place the means of information of a useful and unexceptionable character, within the reach of all, by the establishment of a large libraries, filled with choice standard works, and by encouraging the disseminatian of useful information among the brethren. In this way a healthy tone of masonic feeling and sentiment will be created, and masons finding something of more value to be studied in their order, will at once abandon the cultivation of the side degrees, as men going into the active business and pursuits of life at once abondon the trifling sports and plays of childhood."

We have become almost disgusted with the importance attached to these tom-fooleries, dignified with the name of degrees—stick them in with the so called Ladies' degrees and put the torch to them—some persons might be enlightened by the blaze. Bro. Mackey insists that a Master should first have served as Warden, and quotes from the old charges in support of his position—thus, "no brother can be a master until he has acted as a Warden." Why did he not quote in full from those

old charges which say, "No brother can be a Warden until he has passed the post of a Fellow Craft; nor a Master until he has acted as a Warden; nor Grand Warden unless he has been Master of a Lodge; nor Grand Master unless he has been a Fellow Craft before his election, who is also to be noble born, or a gentleman of the best fashion, or some eminent scholar, or some curious architect, or other artist, descended of honest parents, and who is of singular great merit in the opinion of the Lodge." Now as there is considerable ambiquity in all this, we purpose to centre on the last part of the quotation, which all can understand, and elect as Master the one "who is of singular great merit in the opinion of the lodges"—if he be the Warden, all the better. Further on, the charges say, "the Grand Master has a power to choose his own Deputy Grand Masters," but some Grand Lodges have deprived him of that privilege—wrongfully we think. We coincide exactly with Bro. Mackey, in his views relative to the rights of a Mason, that, "wherever he may be, however distant from his residence and in the land of the stranger, every Lodge is, to a Mason in good standing, his home, where he should be ever sure of the warmest and truest welcome!" Is it not true! He says also, that he has "on more than one occasion before, remarked on the evil of over-legislation." Continue, Bro. Mackey, in your efforts to cheek this crying sin.

Maine.–Since the Grand Communication of this Grand Lodge, in May 1858, the Grand Master, Robert, P. Dunlap, has been gathered to his fathers. He was P. G. G. H. P. of the G. G. R. A. C. and a most estimable man, highly esteemed by his brethren for his great worth and high attainments. In his last Address he thus beautifully expresses himself—"The meeting of hearts and the grasping of hands, pledged to the interests of a common brotherhood, is of itself, sufficient to inspire us with increased energy and a disposition to renew the vows, which we have pledged at the shrine of Freemasonry." Bro. Cyril Pearl, from the Committee on Foreign Communications, made an elaborate and well digested Report. The proceedings of thirty-four Grand Lodges are reviewed—North Carolina it appears came late to hand, nevertheless, it received a passing and flattering notice. Bro. Pearl has done himself much credit in the great care and labor manifest in the proportions of this exceedingly neat Report. True, some of the criticism do not exactly meet our views—this might naturally be expected; but when we all can confidently fall back upon fundamental principles, basing our opinions upon just appreciation of the true spirit which they inculcate, we may hope for a more perfect reconciliation in matters of faith, perchance of practice.

Missouri.—We have the proceedings of May 1858, which fill a respectable size volume, extremely neat in typography and style. M. W. Sam'l H. Sanders, in his Address, mostly of a local nature, brings to the notice of the Grand Lodge the precarious situation of the Masonic College of that State, but seems to think sufficient means are at hand to extricate it from embarrassment—encouraging aid is also promised by some of the subordinate Lodges. The Reports of some dozen D. D. G. Masters, although disclosing some melancholy delinquencies and practice, report the Lodges generally in a healthy condition. The proceedings contain Reports from the President of the College and others, relative to matters connected with that institution, also, a vast number of other and interesting Reports. The subject of uniformity of work attracts the attention of the Grand Lodge, and a Committee reported to continue the services of the Grand Lecturer. The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, acknowledges the receipt of Proceedings from thirty-two Grand Lodges, North Carolina of 1857 included. The Report in its comprehensiveness and arrangement, is what we should expect at the hands of its talented author, Bro. A. O'Sullivan. He says truthfully:

"When we contrast the present voluminous proceedings of the several Grand Lodges with those of twenty years ago, and notice the marked care and ability with which several of the papers are prepared; when we reflect upon the time and labor necessarily bestowed upon the perusal and selection of the matter which goes toward making these reports of the doings of the craft throughout this country, we are constrained to acknowledge that Masonry, its history, philosophy and objects, are being more generally understood and appreciated."

The Committee "regret to see the agitation of additional tests in Masonry, and agree with California, that there should be none introduced." The Report is decidedly opposed to the establishment of G. Grand Bodies, and cites the degeneracy of those already existing, in proof of their inefficiency for good. North Carolina is favored with an approving notice from the Committee, who transcribe a respectable portion of Grand Master Holt's Address into their Report. Bro. O'Sullivan concludes his able Report, by declining the post of Chairman for next year.

Maryland.—We have before us the Proceedings of Maryland, of May, 1858, the greater portion of which is occupied by the very full and well digested report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, from the pen of Bro. J. M. McIlton. This Grand Lodge, like many others who take a lively interest in Masonic libraries and the advancement of Masonic knowledge, has taken the initiatory for supplying itself and subordinates with copies of Bro. Robt. Morris' Univeral Masonic Library. Grand Lodges, as well as subordinates and individuals, can make no better investments of a portion of their funds, than by applying them to the purchase of substantial Masonic Works

and Periodicals of the day. Besides, such investments will actually yield the greatest amount of Interest; not simply in dollars and cents, but in something of vastly more importance in a Masonic point of view; by the moral impulse it quickens; by enlarging the intellect; improving the mind; eradicating error; correcting false impressions; inducing a thirst for higher attainment; elevating the Masonic character; checking discordancies, and making better and more devoted Masons. A lodge with an intelligent membership is a sublime spectacle. Besides the above named valuable work, there is another of the same import published in Philadelphia, in numbers, at a low rate. Mackey's Lexicon, and his Principals of Masonic Law, every Mason should possess; not omitting Bro. Hyneman's favorite Weekly, published in Phila., which has decided claims for his attentions on our North Carolina brethren. The universal Masonic Congres attracts the attention of Maryland, who referred the subject to a Committee. She has also, with most other Grand Lodges, taken favorable action on the patrotic purpose of the Ladies' Mount Vernon Association, as recommended by Virginia. The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is chaste and comprehensive, reflecting great credit on its author for its high moral tone. The Proceedings of twenty-one Grand Lodges are reviewed, North Carolina included.—We would observe that no later Proceedings than 1857 are noticed in any of the various Reports, nor have your Committee received any of later date than 1858.—The report says:

"There is use in the correspondence of the various Masonic bodies of the world. It is the intercommunion of a brotherhood. It not only keeps in view the relationship that exists, and affords satisfaction in the communication of intelligence, but it perpetuates the motion of intertwining sympathies in the interchange of warm affections. It causes the brother to know his brother; and to cherish the bond that makes them one in interest and feeling. It exhibits the fruits of the mystic tie in the fraternity of united hearts and the sympathy of charity that not only thinketh no ill, but worketh good to all. In the record that is made of this interchange of Masonic acts and sentiments, there is kept up a continued chain of Masonic history, in the perusal of which, the brethren of distant jurisdictions may be brought near each other, and made to feel that they are indeed, members of the same family, and have the priviledge of gathering around the mystic hearthstone, and holding converse with each other. We can enjoy in a high degree this interest, while holding in review the labors of our Masonic brethren."

We have not received a copy of the Alabama Proceedings, but the Maryland Committee notices and comments upon a suit pending in the Court of Chancery at Mobile, in which the parties are two subordinate lodges; the Grand Lodge should promptly have arrested their charters. Whenever the time comes that Grand Lodges cannot control any difficulties that may arise among their subordinates, and Courts of Law have to be resorted to for a settlement, then shall we insist upon a severance of the ties that bind us to the society—no longer claiming our respect or confidence. In commenting upon the action of Michigan on the subject of rejected candidates, our Reverend

Brother so fully and emphatically expresses our own sentiments, that we cannot resist the temptation of transfering to our report his entire reflections. Our Bro. says, in speaking of rejections, &c.

"In connexion with this subject, Grand Master Cook directs the attention of the Grand Lodge to another similar character. It is the interpretation of a resolution of the Grand Lodge, requesting the subordinates to repeal any by-law they may have adopted, which prohibits the reconsideration of questions, so as to allow the balloting for the admission of a rejected candidate to be repeated. This is denounced very justly and properly, as 'a fatal blow at the sacredness of the ballot, in reference to a 'landmark too long established, and too well understood to be trifled with by a mere resolution. Brethren who are willing to renew immediately the application of a rejected candidate, or to reconsider his rejection when once effected, can know but little of the character of the Masonic Institution. They must regard it as they do other societies, which is a great error. Masonry is like no other existing institution. It has peculiarities which no other can possess. It is a society, but the common rules of society cannot reach its mysteries. It is a government, but the ordinary rules of government cannot apply to the essential properties which lie hidden in its unwritten records. The common bonds of society cannot reach the depths of the Masonic character. The parliamentary rules by which other legislative and deliberative bodies are governed, could be of no avail in their application to certain parts of Masonic labor, and to bind Masonry by those bonds, and to regulate it by those rules, would be the mere touching of its surface—the working upon its outside, without ever looking into its inner chambers, where only its principles are to be discovered and its character known."

Petitioners, for the degrees of Masonry always expect, if favorably received, that they will be made Masons, and are never informed that there is any half way business in it; that they must be elected three times. And no Mason in his senses would ever vote for a candidate if there existed a doubt on his mind of his fully advancing; because the lodge wants no entered apprentices; no fellow Crafts, only as a necessity of their obtaining the crowning degree. Wherefore, then, subject the applicant to a second or third ballot; it may be simply to allow some whimsical Brother who had voted affirmatively in the first instance, to cast a negative in the second. For valid reason, any member can arrest the progress of the candidate at any point—which might lead to a satisfactory adjustment—a negative ballot would be final. Thus, our Rev. Brother will perceive that we take ground against him in his strictures on the action of the Minnesota Committee. The Committee very handsomely compliment North Carolina, quoting approvingly from her proceedings, and agreeing with the Committee who condemned the practice of Virginia in allowing a brother membership in a plurality of lodges. We commend the following extract to the attention of the worthy brother for whom it was intended:

"The proceedings of the Grand Lodge are characterized throughout by harmony and order, and present a detail of Masonic labor, which is truly encouraging. We would suggest to the Grand Secretary, that he should have the subjects named upon which various reports are presented to the Grand Lodge, as in many instances, we were unable from the record, to distinguish them. In many cases, he merely states that brother so and so made his report, which was adopted. The subject of the report must be gathered from the matter, or not understood by the distant reader. In one or two instances, we should like to have commented upon the reports, but for want of the necessary information were obliged to decline it."

In reviewing Ohio, the Committee manifests a decided antip-

athy to red collars in a blue lodge, and are facetious on the occasion. It certainly would be a novel sight in North Carolina to enter a Grand Lodge and discover the members sitting in red clothing. One other extract, and we must tear away from this very attractive Report:

"The subject of non-affiliation, is at this time prominent among the discussions, &c., of Grand Lodges. It is one, doubtless, that is well worthy of consideration, but there is great danger of venturing too far, in relation to what may be supposed to be Masonic law in the premises. If a man is a Mason, he ought to be an acknowledged member of the Masonic Family. But if he will not affiliate, what can be done with him? Why simply nothing at all. Lodges and Grand Lodges may resolve and re-resolve, and then resolve again, and all without effect in the *enforcement* of a duty which ought and must be *voluntarily* accepted and performed. This is a single step between the sublime and the ridiculous; and if our brethren of any jurisdiction, in the attempt to enforce Masonic rule upon brethren who are disposed to remain outside, they may take the step and produce mortification and mischief perhaps, where they only intended to do good."

INDIANA.—These proceedings abound with committees' reports, and through them a considerable amount of business was transacted, mostly of a local character. Besides the very creditable address of the Grand Master, M. W. Sol. D. Bayless, we have the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, who say: "Our greatest source of anxiety has arisen from a desire to be brief; and in re-writing, we have condensed as much as possible, though we have before us reports on Foreign Correspondence covering sixty, seventy, and even ninety closely printed pages." Such was our intention when we commenced this report—to be brief—but, unlike the Indiana Committee, we could *not* be brief; and, as the latitude of such Committees is without bounds, we fear to have dashed headlong beyond all reasonable distance—perhaps sunk to the vision. If productions are estimated by size, rather than by quality, we certainly expect to stand high.

CALIFORNIA.—The Proceedings of California always evidence the presence of industry, talent, and high Masonic pretensions; those before us are not behind its predecessors in that respect. We are pleased to transfer to our Report, an encouraging portion of Grand Master N. Greene Curtis' excellent Address:

"It is far better that we turn away many good men from our altars, than that we hazard our good name and reputation by accepting a single bad one; for upon that reputation rests, in an eminent degree, our power to do good. I have every reason to believe that the fraternity in this State are both zealous and vigilant in the discharge of their duties in this respect. The course now pursued by the Subordinate Lodges is such as necessarily impresses the work upon each one who receives it, and forms the foundation upon which to build a complete masonic education. The thorough examination to which the candidates are subjected as they progress, renders it impossible that any should be ignorant of the principles taught or the duties enjoined by our venerable and benevolent Institution.

Considering the circumstances which have governed the establishment of the Order in this State, the harmony attained in working is a source of congratulation to all. This was scarcely to have been expected, and it speaks volumes for the earnestness and faithfulness of those who have contributed to such a result. I would recommend that the work heretofore sanctioned by this Grand Lodge, be exemplified at this Communication."

Bro. Alex. G. Abell, Chairman, presented the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, reviewing with much industry and discrimination, the proceedings of some thirty-six Grand Lodges, including two or three beyond the States, beside numerous other documents. The Committee demur at certain decisions of Arkansas, among other things, "that if a candidate is rejected, the Lodge may return his petition or retain it, at discretion"—"this too, say the Committee, is new to us. We had supposed it to be well settled that even after reference to a Committee, no petition could be withdrawn; but whatever difference of opinion or of practice there might at some time have been on this point, it has never before fallen under our observation that a petition might be returned to a candidate *after rejection*." In regard to restorations, they observe "that while the Grand Lodge may restore an expelled Mason to the rights and privileges of Masonry at large, it may *not* restore him to membership, in the Lodge from which he was ejected, without its consent"—right. We trust our own Grand Lodge will not again subject itself to such animadversion as follows:

"We are not much surprised at the violations of law over which the Grand Master (of N. C.) grieves, when we observe that the Grand Lodge itself virtually commends the infraction of its own ordinances. The Committee on Charters and Dispensations, in a notice of sundry irregularities, among others reports the following: "Pine Grove Lodge (U. D.) has fallen into the unmasonic practice of receiving petitions, balloting for the candidates, initiating, passing, and raising, *at the same meeting*, which we believe to be the main reason why there are so many ignorant craftsmen in our midst!" A very safe conclusion, beyond all doubt. They also add, in relation to the by-laws of the same Lodge, that "the thirteenth article requires a brother casting a black ball, to make known to the Master his objections to the applicant!" Yet to this Lodge, so ignorant of the commonest and best known usages of Masonry, and of the laws of its own superior, the committee recommended a Charter in the usual summary style, and a Charter was granted accordingly!"

The more we scrutinize this well concocted report, in which we find so many well expressed opinions on Masonic law and practice, precisely in coincidence with our own, that we regret the necessity that precludes more copious extracts.

New Hampshire.—This Grand Lodge convened at Concord, June, 1858, and we have the proceedings of that date. The address of the Grand Master may be styled a laconic, business paper, interesting in that locality. He is opposed to a G. G. Lodge, and in favor of a National Congress. By the report of one of the D. D. G. Masters, he seems to have granted dispensations pretty freely for hurrying on the candidates who seemed to be in haste to get off. Another one reports that he "gave a Lodge a dispensation to confer the degree of Fellow-Craft, and found them well informed in this degree, and manifested a like knowledge in the work of the other degrees." We were not aware, before, that such authority was anywhere required, except under some peculiar circumstances, for conferring the F. Crafts' degree. We find, in another report, that a dispensa-

tion was granted to a Lodge to initiate, pass and raise one person about to leave for California. From a report of the Committee on Lodges, we learn with some surprise the fact that, in that jurisdiction, Lodges U. D. can not confer more than the E. A. degree.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence report, has under consideration the proceedings of thirty five Grand Lodges, our own not of the number. This report, from the pen of Bro. Horace Chase, does justice to the proceedings reviewed, giving each a respectful hearing, affording liberal quotations, accompanied by well timed comments suggested by the occasion. We are glad to find the Committee entertaining our own views favoring demits and voluntary membership. Some of the eccentric societies that are dying off, leave the taint of their comicalities behind, but there is no good reason why Masonry, by means of any quackery, should provokingly become contaminated by the infection. We quote approvingly the remarks of the Committee while discussing the subject of non-affiliation. They say:

Some have attempted to impose a tax upon unaffiliated Masons, the collection of which has been found impracticable; others have decided that an unaffiliated brother has forfeited all Masonic burial, or of joining in any Masonic procession; in fact, treating him in all respects as a criminal brother, who may have been expelled from all the rights and benefits of Masonry, for gross, unmasonic conduct. When we consider the causes operating to produce non-affiliated Masons, we can better understand the appropriate remedy. We will for a moment look for some of the causes. Some, no doubt, seek admission into our Lodges from a morbid and idle curiosity to know the secrets of the Order, and when once gratified, feel no father interest in the Institution. Others, perhaps, apply solely on selfish principles, thinking that it may aid them in the attainment of some selfish end. Others, perhaps, in fact we know it, are about to travel, and it suddenly occurs to them that Masonry will be a convenient passport or introduction among strangers. Of all such, we can only say, it would have been as well for them, and far better for the Lodge, if, instead of being white-balled *into* the Lodge they had been black-balled *out* of it."

The Committee also speak of other classes, actuated by better and worthier motives, that ultimately lose all interest in Masonry, and withdraw from its support. This, they say, is caused by disappointment and mortification, amounting almost to disgust, at witnessing the bungling manner in which degrees are hurried over, and to other loose practices in the Lodge. The conferring of a multiplicity of degrees in rapid succession upon a candidate referred to, is another cause of dissatisfaction to the more discreet.

The unscrupulous departure from good and well established ancient customs, has occasioned much confusion in our Lodges, and tended greatly to weaken the influence and respect that otherwise would attach to the institution.

The fact is, that ever since the mania for multiplying secret and grotesque associations and other fascinating delusions began to rage, there has been an irresistible rush of their most enthu-

siastic and expansive devotees towards the Masonic Temple—these, surcharged with the crude theories with which they have been regaled, if not positively bewildered, finding a different and more rational state of things to exist from what they blindly expected—altogether deficient in the rampant spirit with which they themselves had become animated—conceived the very benevolent design of revolutionizing these old fashioned, staid, venerable customs, and will not be satisfied until their design is accomplished and the adherents become as rampant as themselves. They are incapable of comprehending such an idea as innovation—if otherwise, it would be no barrier to them.

Wisconsin.—The Proceedings before us are of June 1858, and are respectable in appearance and interesting in contents. The Address of G. M. Henry S. Baird, tho' brief and confined mostly to local affairs, is not without interest to the Craft at large. "Most of the difficulties," says the Address, "occurring in subordinate Lodges, may be traced to the refractory and unmasonic conduct of a few members, who are unworthy to participate in its privileges, or share the benefits of Masonry—showing the necessity of great caution and circumspection, on the part of the Lodge, in the reception and initiation of new members." This declaration of Bro. Baird needs no confirmation. The Grand Master relates the case of a Lodge that tried and suspended a brother, who was within a month restored again, a Past Master presiding without one Regular officer present. The restoration was effected on a motion, by a two third vote, no notice having been given of such intention, and only ten or a dozen members present. The papers in the first instance, relative to the trial had been stolen from the Secretary's desk, and others in consequence had to be made up from recollection. The Grand Master very properly annulled the irregular proceedings in the latter instance, and confirmed the first. Another instance is related, where a Lodge applied for a dispensation to initiate, pass and raise, at one night, two individuals, hailing from an adjoining jurisdiction, but in haste to go to Australia. Being impatient of delay, and not dreaming of a refusal to grant the dispensation, they anticipated its reception, and actually entered and passed one of the candidates and entered the other, when the Grand Master's refusal came to hand, whereupon forgiveness was humbly asked. The Committee to whom the matter was referred offered a resolution—that the Grand Master direct a severe reprimand to the offending Lodge. The Grand Lecturer in his visitations has constantly "endeavored to impress upon the mind of the officers of the several Lodges the imperative necessity of instructing the newly initiated brother and in all cases requiring him to exemplify his profi-

ciency in each degree, in open Lodge, before advancing to another." We hope our Grand Lodge will insist upon such practice. He is opposed to the indiscrimate and hasty making of Masons, and, on the subject of uniformity says, "I have found great want of uniformity in the work as practiced in the different Lodges, although a majority of them have the same general systems of work."

The Proceedings of thirty-two Grand Lodges, including North Carolina for 1857, have been placed in the hands of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, who review them in the shortest possible manner, leaving little or no margin upon which to comment. Luther M. Tracy, is G. M. elect.

New York.—We look upon the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge, in general, as of more interest to the Craft at large than those of any other, for the reason that, from her peculiar position, added to the fact of her claiming so large and intelligent a constituency, she thereby possesses greater facilities, and is enabled to concentrate and diffuse a more reliable amount of information than may be looked for from any other quarter.—The proceedings before us sustain the high reputation heretofore awarded similar productions. And why should they not, with such eminent Masons as J. L. Lewis. jr., and Finley M. King—the former occupying the East, the latter the West—charged with the preparstion of a most important document? The Address of the Grand Master partakes of the dignity of its author—wholesome, instructive and admonitory. Speaking of the true condition of the fraternity which experience, in his own case has brought to light—of the fair and flattering picture presented in the multiplication of lodges, and the increase of votaries at our masonic altars, he continues:

"But there is another and more painful truth lying behind it. It is that, to some extent, dissentions have crept into our lodge-rooms; strife and bitterness have found a place beside the three great lights in Masonry; an unhallowed thirst for the empty distinctions of lodge office has been allowed to prevail; contests about trifles have been fanned into flames of discord; attempts made to pervert the noble design of our institution to individual benefit or emolument; and a feverish excitement to devise new plans which can but obscure the brightness of the Ancient Landmarks. If we have polished our ashlers more perfectly than did our fathers of the craft, we have lost much of their unvarnished honesty and rugged simplicity. Distrust and envy have, in many places, usurped the place of brotherly love and charity."

Although these may be bold and harsh truths, as the Grand Master says, let our own lodges individually, apply them to themselves, and if guilty, reform. The Grand Lodge is urged to take steps for the establishment of a uniform system of Work and Lectures; "it is important then," says the Grand Master, "that the work and its explanatory lectures be taught truly and learned perfectly, and that it be uniform in its modes of conveying thought, or the great system which we practice will become deteriorated and mutilated." Strange to say, the Grand

Lodge of New York has never yet been incorporated; the necessary steps, however, have been taken for that purpose. We have often noticed, in other quarters, great importance attached to the duty of Masters of Lodges retaing individnal possession of the warrants or charters, instead of depositing them in lodge rooms. We are not a little surprised to find G. M. Lewis also so impressed. The danger to be apprehended in letting them hang up in a lodge room—their legitimate place—is, to our apprehension altogether ideal. Better to trust it in its lodge than in the Master's pocket; besides, it might so happen that the Master, with the warrant in his pocket, would be unexpectedly prevented from attending his lodge, how then could it be opened without the authority thus absent? True, the Charter is in charge of the Master; so are the books and funds in charge of the Treasurer and Secretary, but it was never conceived that those functionaries should therefore carry the books and funds about their person.

The Grand Master apprised the Grand Lodge of his having accredited and acknowledged an exchange of Representatives, with Wisconsin and New Jersey. R. W. Wm. H. Drew, Grand Lecturer, presented a lengthy and exceedingly interesting report, embracing a detailed account of his labors and the condition of lodges in practice and standing, with wholesome suggestions calculated for the general benefit of the Craft. A single extract is all we can afford, to show the spirit of the report, and to arouse the attention of our own brotherhoood to unvarnished truths, applicable to all localities. Our brother, impressed with the truthfulness of the theory touching the universality of Masonry, says:

"There is a true and standard system of work and lectures, as all admit, and this is usually styled the "Ancient Work;" and yet, on no single topic do such wide diversities of opinion exist, both as regards the ceremonies and language. Could the brethren of the Grand Lodge visit the different lodges in this jurisdiction, and witness in each an exemplification of what each tenaciously claims to be the ancient work, and note the diversities—diversities as wide, and differences as great, as the inventive powers of the different officers will permit—they would, with me, implore this body to take some action by which uniformity of work will be effected, and the standard, thus established, be recognized by other Grand Lodges, and rendered consistent with itself. It is now not surprising to find brethren whose duties or occupations have confined them mainly to the locality where they were made masons, who supposed that the work which they had received, with implicit faith, to be the ancient work, greatly astonished to be told that errors had crept in, and that corruptions abound in the ritual, as taught in many of our Lodges; and not unfrequently express great horror at the innovations which they innocently believe the Grand Lodge to have introduced, because they conceive that any form of words to which they have not been accustomed, is in direct violation of the ancient landmarks. And in no other thing could the Grand Lodge perform a greater service than by an accurate definition of what constitutes landmarks, and what esablishes any feature of our institution as an ancient usage. It would, at least, dispel the hurtful delusion entertained by many, and usually the younger brethren, whose authority and argument is founded on the few words, "*I was so taught.*" In looking at this, so called, ancient work, it will be found that at least five distinct versions are to be found in our jurisdiction; they are frequently termed systems, and each claims to be perfect, complete and original. It is a self-evident proposition that they cannot all be so; but may not these variations be reconciled so as to make a consistent and harmonious whole?"

The Grand Lodge adopted a resolution in favor of the general conclusions of the Universal Masonic Congress of Paris, held in 1855; also authorizing the Grand Master to appoint not to exceed three delegates to attend the meeting of the next Congress, proposed to be held in the city of New York. Also a resolution to cordially extend to the Grand Lodge of Turkey the right hand of fellowship, evidence of its legality first being produced —the recognition to be declared by the Grand Master. Initiatory steps were taken for collecting material for the "History of Masonry in New York," to be published under the auspices of the Grand Lodge.

The Committee on grievances, to whom was referred a difficulty existing between two lodges, reported as follows:

"The circumstances relating to this case seem to arise from the action of Lexington Lodge, in admitting members into their Lodge who had been expelled from Long Island Lodge. In the action of Lexington Lodge, they took the advice and decision of the R. W. D. G. M., Bro. Robert Macoy, that they had a right so to do. Lexington Lodge, acting in good faith, felt aggrieved at the resolutions offered by Anglo Saxon Lodge, in causing to be placed upon the minutes of this M. W. Grand Lodge, at its last Annual Communication, charges derogatory to their character as Masons. We would therefore offer the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That in the opinion of your committee, Lexington Lodge is not deserving of the censure from Anglo Saxon Lodge, nor any other body; and recommend to Anglo Saxon Lodge that she extend to Lexington Lodge that feeling of brotherly love, that the institution of masonry so earnestly recommends from one brother to another."

We cannot concive, for the life of us, how a lodge could admit an expelled Mason and not deserve censure from any body. True, we may not be acquainted with all the circumstances of the case, and can only judge from the record. Agreeably to laws universally acknowledged, no Mason has a right to recognize or hold Masonic communion with another who had been expelled—and in North Carolina a lodge wilfully so offending, would be severely dealt with—suspended. An explanation of this case would be gratifying to North Carolina; to know that an expelled Mason could not go from this State and be received in New York, under the above or any other rule.

The report on Foreign Correspondence, by R. W. Finlay M. King, reviews the proceedings of thirty eight Grand Lodges, including several beyond the States, and, for its thorough investigations, is entitled to all the encomiums usually awarded that Brother's productions. The Committee, after expressing the great pleasure felt in reporting to the Grand Lodge the general condition of the Fraternity, throughout the world, as being never more prosperous and promising than at the present time, speak thus:

"It is proper to say that the relations of the Grand Lodge of New York with its sister bodies, in nearly all portions of the world, are the most happy and fraternal. Exceptions exist in the cases of Pennsylvania and Hamburgh. The latter still continues its unfraternal course in neglecting to withdraw the charters issued to its unworthy subordinates in this city, thereby drawing upon itself the reprobation, and in many cases, the repudiation and execration of the Grand Lodges of the world."

We believe the difficulties between Pennsylvania and New York have, since the adjournment of the Grand Lodge, been happily reconciled. When *Masons* can reconcile it to themselves to live at variance, we may then despond—there is no anchor left upon which to rest. In regard to the unwarranted course of Hamburgh, we take decided ground with New York. Every Grand Lodge in the country should raise a united voice against the outrage complained of—for audaciously establishing Lodges in this country, and, after repeated remonstrance, refusing to withdraw the charters. In answer to Minnesota, who asks why the *left* hand should be used in voting, New York replies that it is difficult to answer in writing, but refers to the position of that hand when the neophite is first brought to light, as being suggestive. We confess not to see the point; for, the hands being previously detached, are *adlibitum*. There is, we are aware, a regulation that voting shall be by show of hands—but we cannot see why any importance should be attached to the manner of ascertaining the sense of the Lodge, so that it be simply and truly indexed. North Carolina is flatteringly noticed, with courteous allusions to her proceedings. Much space in the report is devoted to the consideration of Foreign Grand Bodies, and to their transactions—Scotland, Ireland and Prussia, together with a mass of documents and correspondence from Peru, relative to insubordination and expulsions in that jurisdiction; but any further reference to these matters would hardly be of sufficient importance to compensate for the labor. We will, however, briefly express the disgust we experienced, on a hasty glance at these documents, in witnessing the encouragement offered to political and religious discussion, and the promiscuous mixing up of the Mohommedon, Jewish and Christian faith, with the distinctions and disputes growing out of the same. We cannot help giving Bro. King joy for his success in the tangible arrangement he has made of this mass of semi-incomprehensible matter. The Grand Lodge recognized both the Ancient and Independent Grand Lodges of Canada.

We are most happy to announce the terminstion of the New York difficulties, so long and so painfully existing, by a Union of the antagonistic Bodies in that jurisdiction, based upon sundry Articles and Agreements, prefaced by the following

"PREAMBLE.—WHEREAS, the honor, usefulness, and beneficent objects of the institution of freemasonry of the State of New York have suffered, and are now suffering, by reason of differences and disagreements among the fraternity of this State;

"Now, therefore, the undersigned, committees appointed by the parties hereinafter mentioned, in view of amicably and permanently ending such differences and diagreements, to the end that the harmony which is compatible with the true principles of freemasonry may prevail, do mutually assent and interchangeably subscribe to the following provisions, as a proper and equitable manner of ending such differences and disagreements.

"And, if said provisions are adopted and confirmed by the parties respectively, to wit: that known as the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, of which JOHN L. LEWIS, Jr., is Grand Master; and that known as the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, of which JAMES JENKINSON is Grand Master, then these provisions shall be considered and constituted a fundamental regulation of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York."

It is not worth while, at this time, for us to scrutinize too critically into the conditions of that reconciliation—suffice it to say, the parties themselves were satisfied—the object was effected—tranquility was restored—and throughout the length and breadth of the land, there arose a universal shout of rejoicing and congratulation. The legitimate Grand Body has been severely reflected upon for yielding too much. No terms were expected to give general and unalloyed satisfaction—such an idea was foreign to the thought. Let then our sympathies for the agony she has endured under the most severe trials, and our admiration for the sacrifices she has made, and the magnanimity displayed for the attainment of peace, be interposed as a veil to cover the error of any real or seeming departure from strict propriety in that mighty struggle.

NEBRASKA.—The Proceedings of this, our younger sister, are before us. The Address of the Grand Master, Robert C. Jordon, opens thus: "We have met agreeably to a resolution passed at the organization of this body on the 23d of September last. The occasion is one of much interest to us all. The few zealous brethren that participated in the formation of this new Grand Lodge, I observe are present, with one or two exceptions, and to all appearances are ready and willing still to undertake any part in the noble and glorious work before us." The occasion, we would observe, is not only of much interest to that little band, but of much more, if possible, to the great Masonic body, which will watch with unaffected solicitude for the development of those noble characteristics consequent upon virtuous purpose and well directed labors. We are sorry to perceive, on perusing the Grand Master's Address, that he has imbibed some of the fallacious notions of the day touching innovation and non-affiliation, but we are not without hope, that error will hereafter succomb to conviction. We confidently assert that no one will venture to disavow the sentiment embraced in the following extract from an excellent Oration delivered by Bro. A. G. Clarke in presence of the Grand Lodge.—"Who shall say, then, that the faith of Masonry is not universal? Hebrew and Assyrian, Jew and Gentile, Christian and Mahomedan, can kneel at the altar of Freemasonry, and in the perfect equality of truth and virtue, vow allegiance to its trusts." Let no one with sacrilegious hands presume to deface or destroy the pillar set up by our forefathers. In answer to the question, whether a Mason committing suicide was entitled to masonic bu-

rial the Grand Master decided that the Masters of Lodges had a perfect right to act discretionary—we emphatically say *not.* The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence expresses sentiments antagonistical to those of the Grand Master's above noticed, which is readily accounted for on the ground that the Chairman of the Report and the Grand Orator are one and the same person. Circumstances prevented an extended Report from the Committee—they however, review in good spirit the proceedings of fourteen Grand Lodges, North Carolina included. As the Committee seem to question the propriety of not allowing a petition to be withdrawn when once received and referred—we would observe, that such has become the settled principle and is now the universal practice. When an individual presents himself before a Lodge for its suffrages, and commits himself to the ordeal of the Committee's Report he must abide its consequence. In concluding their Report, the Committee give utterance to the true Masonic spirit, when they say:

"We regret that we have not before us the proceedings of all the Grand Lodges of the Union, but from those in our possession, we gather the conclusion that Masonry was never before in more flourishing condition throughout the length and the breadth of the land. It is our duty to preserve it in this condition. Those who have gone before us have planted a goodly tree, and we, who in the hot and dusty path of life, repose beneath its shadow, will arise up and call them blessed. The tender branches thereof shall not cease, nor the strong limbs be scathed, but in all its vigor will we leave it to our posterity—not a leaf missing, not a branch decayed."

Iowa.—The Proceedings of this Grand Lodge, besides being handsomely got up, evince much industry in the prosecution of its labors, and a commendable degree of interest in all that pertains to the Royal Art. Grand Master Sandford's Address is much of a business paper, bringing to the notice of the Grand Lodge many subjects of moment for its consideration. A great portion of his time, for the last year, has been devoted to the service of the Grand Lodge, and he recommends the appointment of a Committee on Jurisprudence to lighten his duties. In some well timed remarks respecting the rapid growth in the increase of Lodges and membership, in that jurisdiction, he is not unmindful of the voice of warning raised throughout the country against such rapid additions to our numerical strength, and the many forebodings of evil results therefrom, predicted by eminent and devoted Brethren. But, he says—

"Careful observation respecting the practical workings of our fraternal system, has given me faith in the efficacy of masonic government, and I am convinced that the disciplinary influence of our ancient customs and landmarks, which serve as the basis of our legislation, as well as the animating principle of our ceremonials, is fully adequate to sustain and transmit, unimpaired, to future generations, the usefulness and glory of our institution. We have no evidence that our brethren of this jurisdiction have proved, or that they are likely to prove, recreant to the obligations imposed upon upon them by our sacred and immemorial constitutions; on the contrary we believe they are penetrated by the sentiment of that eternal truth which declares that it is not in the power of any man or set of men to make innovations upon the body of masonry,

and that the internal economy of our Lodges fully justifies the remark, that no principles of human action or government are more faithfully guarded than are those to which this declaration applies. Although this is the great foundation of our confidence in the stability of our institution, other things contribute to its strength. We have confidence in the general integrity of men. Moral obliquity as well as criminal practices often mar the fair estimate which charity encourages respecting the character of this world, yet with the worst view which misanthropy can portray, is associated elements of dignity, nobleness and virtue, which, in every legitimate department of human pursuit, greatly predominate. The disposition formed by the possession of these qualities is that which impels men toward virtuous affiliation, and even excluding all idea of the efficacy of our principles and discipline in making men wiser and better, this fact is a strong guaranty of our unity and durability."

On a subject of universal concernment—uniformity of work, —he says:

"The action of this Grand Lodge respecting a uniformity of work throughout this jurisdiction, has been the basis of our labors during the past year, in attempting to establish that important object. In our last annual address we laid before the Grand Lodge the results of our efforts during the preceding year, and expressed the opinion that of all the plans proposed to bring about harmony in the exercise of our ritual throughout the State, none promised so well as its full exemplification before the Grand Lodge, and its dissemination from thence through the legal representatives to the subordinate Lodges."

The D. G. Master himself visited and instructed a large number of Lodges, with expressions of satisfaction, except "in a few instances captious spirits attempted to throw obstacles in the way, and from different, but inexplicable motives, professing friends have disparaged the work"—notwithstanding which, however, the work was pressed forward with unabated zeal, 'till finally successful in the accomplishment of the grand object in view. The Grand Master says:

"Experience constantly repeats the lesson, that men will adhere to and contend for the most unimportant and foolish positions with as much obstinacy as they will display in defence of the most sacred principles. But whether from this disposition, or from any other cause, variance and contention exist in our Lodges respecting the mere forms of our ritual, it constitutes, while it lasts, an effectual barrier to that masonic cultivation which enlarges the intellect and prepares it for the comprehension of those sublime truths which unfold the deep meaning of our symbols, and display the hidden beauties and excellencies of our Order. It is by harmonizing the external forms of expression, and thus removing the obstacle to the cultivation of higher and better principles, that we have desired to promore the true interests of the fraternity in our jurisdiction."

The Address, with great propriety we think, recommends the legal incorporation of the Grand Lodge.

The Committee on work of Lodges under dispensation, in their Report, present this novel case—the W. Master of a certain Lodge asked and obtained a demit, whilst charges were existing against its S. Warden—after which, the J. Warden, presiding, the trial progressed, which resulted in the suspension of the S. Warden. The work was deemed irregular by the Committee, for reasons set forth; First, that such Lodge, in their opinion, had not the power to demit its Master; Second, the S. Warden in the absence of the Master, being ex-officio, the W. Master could not be legally arraigned by his Lodge; Third, the Officers of a Lodge U. D. being creatures of the Grand Master or Grand Lodge, could not, in their opinion, be dealt with by such Lodge,

consequently the action of said Lodge in the suspension of the S. Warden, was declared null and void. A charter was recommended. We find many other delinquencies reported of other Lodges, but cannot discover that they were subjected to any discipline. We are sorry to see, in the Report of a Committee on the D. G. Master's Report, exceptions were taken to his action in granting dispensations, during his visitations and lectures, to some Lodges to ballot for the passing and raising of candidates, at called meetings—of course such practice is inadmissable, excepting only when the Grand Master or Lecturer is present, for the purpose of exemplifying the work.

Bro. W. B. Langridge, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, presented a very creditable Report, reviewing with great ability thirty-four Grand Lodges—North Carolina being noticed with much complacency. The Committee in the out set, very sensibly remarks, that

"The endeavor of the committee in the preparation of the following report has been, in the first place, to give a general review of the action of the craft throughout the world, during the past year, so far as it has come to their knowledge; and, secondly, to assent to or condemn such ideas and propositions as they have met with, which they have judged worthy of notice. They have done this on their own responsibility, without any intention of having the Grand Lodge held responsible therefor; and, indeed, without reference to its views or teachings, except where they believe them right and in accordance with a proper view of the masonic system and a correct interpretation.

"They consider the duty of a committee on foreign correspondence to be of a far higher nature than merely to chronicle the doings of the order. It is by its position called on to challenge every new and strange idea and not to suffer it to pass, until by due trial and strict examination it may have determined its character and its claims to be recognized as correct and worthy to be received. In no other way can heresy, false doctrine, and innovation be so surely shut out of our order, as by a faithful and careful performance of duty by committees on foreign correspondence." * * *

We were not less surprised than grieved to find that any *Mason*, especially of Bro. Langridge's intelligence, should entertain and express sentiments so incompassionate as is avowed in the quotation which follows. In commenting on the proceedings of Arkansas, the Committee, in bad taste, indulges in this wise:

"The Grand Lodge settled a somewhat singular question as to the relation of the wife and children of an expelled mason to the fraternity, and their claims upon it, by placing them, very properly, in the same position as though the husband and father had never been a mason. We mention this self-evident decision because we have, within a year past, come across a somewhat similar case, in which a lady, the wife of a mason, was obliged to leave her husband because he was addicted to intemperance, and who yet made the fact of her being the wife of such a mason a reason why the order should aid her in her journey to another home! The Lodges did assist her, both in a neighboring jurisdiction and in this, and would probably have continued to do so, had not she and her husband become reconciled, and her trip thereby come to an end sooner than was expected. People have some strange ideas of masonry—how great a portion of them is due to the actions of masons and how much to other causes, would afford a good theme for an essay."

We contend and insist that, according to the true and genuine spirit of Masonry, the wife and family, otherwise faultless, of a debauched or disgraced Mason—whether she desert the wretch or not—are as much if not more entitled to the sympa-

thy, the charity, and kindly offices of the lodge, as are the wife or family of the most worthy, though perchance the most unfortunate individual in it. Being the irreproachable wife of a Mason, at the time in good standing, his fault, without her criminality, should entitle her in all charity to a sustaining hand.—'Tis Heaven born relief that voluntarily comes in the hour of distress. To the writer, batchelor as he is, these sentiments are inseperable from his Masonry. We dissent from the opinion entertained by the Committee, in regard to the selection of a Master. We contend that a lodge should always select their best man for that important position—who may not possibly be always stationed in the West. Wishing to present the views generally entertained on the subject of a G. G. Lodge, we quote as follows from the report before us:

"Looking at the operations of the general grand bodies already in existence, their cumbrousness and their inefficiency for any good, with the want of success in achieving anything useful by the masonic conventions heretofore held, we must confess that we have no hopes of any advantage to arise from the plan. If the General Grand Chapter has not the power even to agree on a system of work during its sessions, and during its recesses can only act in the oppressive and unconstitutional manner it has done in its interference in Michigan, and if the Grand Encampment of the United States can hold itself capable of making fundamental changes in the character, titles and even work of that branch of the order, what assurance can we have that a general Grand Lodge will not imitate the efficiency of its predecessors for evil and their imbecility for good? Were freemasonry changeable—were it necessary that her laws and government and policy should keep pace even with the changes introduced by the spirit of republicanism and progress, a general head might be useful—but under present circumstances, we can see no good it could achieve beyond the conferring of titles on its officers and the consumption of means that could be better applied."

The Committee are down upon professional, itinerant beggars, especially on a Captain Ben, who also assumed other fascinating names, figuring in various localities and obtaining relief. With a large experience in this matter, your Chairman cannot bring to mind a single instance in which relief was afforded, where imposition had not been practiced, or where circumstances did not justify that conclusion—male and female are both included in the category.

North Carolina is noticed by the Committee with complacency; and the tone of their Committee on the acts of our College agent, is in happy contrast with the offensive criticisms of last year, which are now held by themselves in disfavor—rebuked. In allusion to the crippled condition of our College, the Committee remark: "We wish our brethren of the Old North State success in their most praiseworthy undertaking; but must be allowed to say that we consider their example a good warning to us, not to enter rashly upon one so dangerous and difficult." Bro. Robt. Morris was present, and delivered an oration before the Grand Lodge, which was published in the Proceedings.

Oregon.—The Communication of this Grand Lodge was held

in June last. The Grand Master's Address occupies but a small space in the proceedings, and is confined mostly to local affairs. He, however, states that the correspondence of his office has been extensive during the year, and that he has granted seven dispensations for the formation of new Lodges. He acknowledges the reception of a circular from Maine, upon the subject of a General Grand Lodge, remarking that the subject had ever been regard favorably by his Grand Lodge, and recommending it to its renewed consideration. M. W. B. Stark, G. Master. The officers elect were publicly installed at the Court House in Astoria, agreeably to resolution. A resolution is pending to the effect, "That any Master Mason, in good standing, a member of any Lodge within this jurisdiction, is authorized to cast a ballot in any Lodge in this jurisdiction which he may visit, upon the application of a candidate for initiation or advancement." Your Committee think this an injudicious move. Lodges are jealous of their rights, which may not be interfered with, with impunity. The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was presented by the Chairman, Bro. Amory Holbrook, acknowledging the reception of proceedings from thirty four Grand Lodges, North Carolina of the number. The Committee say that "they have carefully perused all these proceedings, containing many thousand pages, all full of instruction and valuable information; but professional and other imperative engagements suddenly crowded upon the Chairman, during the time which he had intended to employ in preparing this report, they are compelled to omit the ordinary abstract, and will attempt only to present the opinions of other jurisdictions, upon a few of the more prominent questions now discussed in Masonic Councils." The Committee, true to the fulfillment of their design, have deprived us of the pleasure we might otherwise have experienced in a more extended notice of their labors.

Delaware.—The New Hall procured for the accommodation of the Grand Lodge, was dedicated according to Masonic usage, at the opening of the Annual Communication in June last. The proceedings of this Grand Lodge were altogether of a local character—no address—no communications. Bro. Jno. R. McFee, elected Grand Master.

Tennessee.—Your Committee are much pleased with the Proceedings of our sister of Tennessee, viewing the Report on Correspondence, by Bro. Chas. A. Fuller, as a masterly production, full of interest. We agree, generally, with the doctrines set forth in the able report—every jurisdiction is therein respectfully noticed.

The Address of the Grand Master, Bro. Thos. McCulloch,

though brief, is not without interest. He congratulates the Grand Lodge on the happy termination of the unfortunate differences lately existing in New York and in Canada, by a friendly reconciliation, and the union of the hitherto antagonistic bodies of these several jurisdictions. We quote his sentiments, elicited by a circular proposing the establishment of a General Grand Lodge:

"If such a body can be wisely and safely organized, there can be no question of its beneficial character. Independent of the good to Free-Masonry that would flow from such an institution, the benefits inuring to the country at large would be incalculably great. The disaffections that now and then spring up, between different sections of our happy country, threatening the peace and stability of our institutions, require that the bonds that unite this great people should be brightened and strengthened; and if, as we firmly believe, a General Grand Lodge would tend to bind more closely together the extremes of the Union, we should lend our aid to its consummation. A body with principles of universal application, and recognizing no lines of separation, would certainly tend most powerfully to harmonize the country and give stability and permanence to our glorious institutions. But the subject is before you: let it receive a thorough consideration."

He calls attention to the loose and unguarded manner in which candidates for admission into the Order are received, and says, "too frequently men of immoral character and vicious habits are permitted entrance into our Order. Coming with these disabilities, they enter only to bring us into disgrace, and work only to our confusion." * * * *

"The policy is not wise to convert our Lodges into schools of reformation, where bad men are to be taught goodness, and the vicious and the depraved are to be redeemed from their vices. We may rest assured that whatever good may result from such a policy, the evil will always greatly preponderate. Men of immoral character, and of settled vicious habits, can bring nothing but trouble into our ranks; and though deeply symyathizing with them, the interests of our beloved Order demand a firm and unqualified refusal of their applications for admission. To fulfil our voluntary vows, and to consummate the ends of Masonry, we must rigorously adhere to first principles, and receive none but those whose lives are unpolluted by gross vices, and who are at present free from habits of dissipation. Fidelity to God, duty to each other, and obligations to the world, imperatively demand of us a faithful performance of all the requisitions of Masonry."

In allusion to the determination of the Subordinates to purify their bodies of all unworthy material, he says: "Let this regulation go forward, and every Brother strive to illustrate in his life the excellency of the precepts taught him in the East, and Masonry will become what its organization intended it should be, a blessing to the world, and the praise of the whole earth." The Grand Master feelingly announced the demise of the aged and worthy P. G. M. Wilkins Tannehill; and a resolution to erect a suitable monument over his grave was adopted. The case of the W. Master of a Subordinate Lodge, charged by its S. Warden with un-Masonic conduct, was thus disposed of: "*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that Bro. Wm. P. Hill has acted very imprudently in writing the anonymous letters in the case under consideration; that his conduct in the case has been such as to bring reproach upon the Masonic Fraternity, and that he be repremanded by the M. W. G. Master, in open Grand Lodge, for the same."

The Committee reporting on that portion of the Grand Master's Address relative to the establishment of a G. G. Lodge, are not prepared to approve his recommendation, and observe that—

"It is not only a delicate, but a great question; and if a general convention of Masons in the States should be holden, it ought to be a preliminary convention, to digest, if deemed proper, a scheme or plan to be submitted to the Grand Lodges of the several States. Such convention should not be clothed with full and absolute power to bind the Grand Lodges of the States. With this thought, the committee consider that it is a subject worthy of the attention of this Grand Lodge."

The Committee on Correspondence quote from the Alabama proceedings (which we have not received) the decisions of various Grand Lodges in regard to the punishment of non-affiliated Masons, mostly approving such course—but Michigan and New Hampshire are more in accordance with correct practice. Michigan thinks "every candidate comes of his own free will and accord, and surely we should desire to keep none among us after that free will is not felt." New Hampshire says: "It is clearly un-Masonic, and was never known until other Societies sprung up, trying to imitate our time-honored institution." The Committee think it was a stretch of power in the Grand Master of Illinois, who had restored an expelled Mason to the rights and privileges of Masonry, upon the recommendation of the Lodge that expelled him; that province resting alone with the Grand Lodge, or the Subordinate Lodge expelling. We coincide with that opinion. This line occurs in a quotatation made by the Committee: "The Masonic Institution is becoming entirely too popular for its true interests." It would have added to its truthfulness to have said: the Masonic Institution is becoming entirely too popular *without*, and too unpopular *within*, for its true interests. The desertion of the Lodge Room will prove the truth of the latter clause of the sentence. The Grand Lodge, during its session, laid with appropriate ceremonies the corner stone of the new Masonic Temple, in the course of erection in the city of Nashville; after which, the procession moved to the Presbyterian Church and listened to an eloquent oration, delivered by the Grand Orator, Rev. Bro. Jno. W. Hanner. We reluctantly pass from these proceedings.

Canada.—The Proceedings of the second G. A. Communication of the Grand Lodge of Canada, held in the city of Montreal in July 1857, are gotten up in fine style, and make a very imposing appearance—the contents indicating talent, and a high degree of Masonic lore. The limits of our Report, already swelled beyond reasonable proportions, will not permit us to extend to our Canada brethren that courtesy which otherwise it would be our pleasure to afford. Our heart is with them for their prosperity, and we shall rejoice, with thousands whose sympathies are ever with them, when they shall have become firmly established, and greeted by every worthy Mason through-

out the wide extent of the earth. The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspodence is mostly devoted to extracts from Proceedings in reference to Canadian affairs, and to criticisms thereon. We present the following portion of the Grand Masters Address, to show the firmness with which he is determined to maintain the position assumed by the Grand Lodge:

"A number of Grand Lodges in the United States, also, have already, in the most fraternal spirit, acknowledged the correctness of our masonic position, whilst a few others have delayed their recognition out of courtesy to the Grand Lodge of England, waiting until an opinion had been expressed by that Grand Lodge. I am not dispsoed to condemn the extreme caution exercised by that portion of our sister Grand Lodges in this matter, but will merely say that whilst the Grand Lodge of England is looked up to by Canadian masons with sentiments of the highest respect and regard, and whilst her approval of the step we have taken will be hailed by all with delight and satisfaction, we do not for a moment admit that her decision in the matter can in any way affect the legality of our position. The correctness of our course has been clearly demonstrated by many of the most distinguished and best informed of masonic writers and authorities, and although by some parties our proceedings have been condemned, I have neither met with nor heard of a single instance in which any but worthless and specious arguments have been abduced against the correctness of our action, or our present constitutional position."

Circulars.—The circulars from Bro. Dove, relate to the action of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, suggesting the propriety of the Masonic Fraternity's co-operating with the "Ladies' Mount Vernon Association" in carrying out the pious purpose of the "Southern Matron." It is proposed that "the Masonic Fraternity *immediately*, through their several Lodges, send to the Secretary of each Grand Lodge a sum equal to *one dollar* for each member." We commend the subject to the earnest consideration of the Grand Lodge, but with little hope of a favorable response, in view of her crippled condition, induced by over zealous action in promoting the erection, within her own borders, of a noble and lasting monument of Benevolence.

The Circular, relative to a Masonic Congress or World's Convention, is dated April 1858. It is known to the Grand Lodge that a universal Congress, of which Grand Master Prince Lucien Murat was the head, assembled at Paris some time back, and it is now proposed to hold another in some other part of the world—perhaps in this country. Several propositions are submitted for the action of Grand Lodges—but we must refer the circular itself to the Grand Lodge for special action if needsbe.

We cannot hope, in the manner in which we have fulfilled the task reposed in us, to have met the just expectations of the Grand Lodge; or in the expression of our views to harmonize in perfect unison with the sentiments of every one. With whatever favor our production may be received, we are satisfied that our motives will not be impugned—with that assurance alone, dear to a Mason's heart, we feel more than compensated for the labor we have bestowed.

All which is Respectfully submitted.

P. W. FANNING, *Chairman.*

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